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BERLIN REPORTS HOURLY GAINS OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN FRONT

Berlin Statement Says Germans Broke the French Lines on the Plain of Woevre and that Their Colums are Pursuing the Fleeing Enemy—Assert they have Made Serious Breaches in the French Lines.

URGENT APPEALS FOR AID.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 26.—Urgent appeals for the flood victims in Concordia parish, where men, women and children are almost starving and are clinging to the sides of the levees and housetops, where received by the relief committee today.

QUAKER OATS HEARING MONDAY.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Hearing of the dissolution suit brought by the government against the Quaker Oats Company, for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust act will begin on Monday before Judge Carpenter. The case has many points of interest to big business and will be closely followed.

TEN PERCENT WAGE RISE AT CRAMP'S YARD.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26—Increases in wages amounting to more than $300,000 a year and applying to between four and five thousand workers will go into effect on Monday at the Cramp shipyards. The increase is voluntary, and the proprietors of the yards announce they have orders ahead that will keep them busy for at least two years.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS FEED THE BIRDS.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Rural mail carriers in the northern and western states are carrying an extra burden in their trips over the snow-clad country. Aside from the letters and packages destined to farm-houses, there is a sack of grain on each of these mail-sleighs, and each precious kernel is destined for game birds who have been suffering for want of food, on account of the heavy snows. State organizations are co-operating with the government officials, and all that was needed to bring relief was the sanction of the post office department. This was promptly given, and the carriers who travel the snow routes are carrying out the distribution of food to the birds.

COMPLETES SIXTY YEARS IN MILITARY SERVICES.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 26.—Lieut. Col. William Gerlach of this city, who was eighty years old last November, completed today sixty years of continuous military service. He has established a new army record for age and continuous service. Col. Gerlach automatically went on the retired list sixteen years ago, but immediately afterward he was assigned to special duty with the Minnesota National Guard. He is still on duty, a valuable and respected officer, and is vigorous and healthy despite his years.

Born at Schutten, in the Black Forest of Germany, November 15, 1835, Gerlach came to America at the age of 20. Soon afterward he enlisted as a private in the regular army. He served at many posts, and among other duties he chased the Seminoles in Florida. In 1861 he was transferred to the Hospital Corps, and after the War for the Union he was commended by his superiors, who secured for him a commission as a lieutenant.

FLORIDA COURT TACKLES NINE MURDER CASES.

Jcaksonville, Fla., Feb. 26.—Nine cases of alleged murder in the first degree and three cases of alleged criminal assault compose the criminal calendar of the Circuit Court, which opens its session here on Monday. Here are the cases that face Judge George Couper Gibbs and the juries:

Ed Parrish, alleged murder.
H. M. Hirds, aleged murder.
Willie A. Rodley, alleged murder.
Herbert Spanish, John Spanish, Rosa Spanish and Dude Smith, alleged murder.
Essie Owens, alleged murder.
Will Moore, alleged murder.
Raymond Hartley, alleged murder.
Will Lundy, alleged murder.
Emmett McKelvin, aleged criminal assault.
James Mack, alleged criminal assault.
George W. Russell, alleged criminal assault.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The tremendous German offensive at Verdun is gaining hourly and new and serious breaches have been made in the French lines in the presence of the kaiser the Germans captured the hills southwest of Louvemont, the official statement says, and the fortified portions to the east. The French resistance broke on the Woevre plain and the Germans are pursuing the retreating enemy. The statement says the French penetrated 200 yards of the front in Champagne.

Regardless of Sacrifice.

London, Feb. 26.—The Germans officially announced today the capture of Houdomont, a Verdun fortification, which is now firmly held. The French statement says the Germans continue a violent assault without regard to sacrifices. A Reuter Petrograd despatch says that the Russians have stormed and captured Kirmanshah, an important Persian city. The Portuguese premier in the chamber of deputies urged Portugal to let the existing treaty with Germany lapse and prepare for all eventualities. This followed a statement that attempts had been made to blow up the German steamers requisitioned by Portugal, the bombs being found.

The French war office claims the German attacks east of Beaumont failed notwithstanding repeated assaults and tremendous slaughter. The capture of Houdomont is the most important achievement since the Verdun drive was inaugurated, which for fury and the weight of men and guns has few precedents in war. The French war office is confident that Verdun will hold out. The Verdun fortress is the base of solid field works on a line of hills 1,000 feet high. Late advices from Albania through German sources predicted the earrly fall of Durazzo as the result of the defeat of the Italians by the Austrians.

Durazzo Was Evacuated.

Rome, Feb. 26.—The report that Durazzo, the Albanian Black Sea port, was evacuated by the Italians, was confirmed today.

British Steamers Sunk.

London, Feb. 26.—Lloyd's announce the sinking of the British steamer Denahy, 3,000 tons, and the Tummel, 500 tons, sunk and seven of their crews missing.

Austria Explains Incident.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Austria today informed the United States that the commander of the submarine attacking the American tanker Petrolite in the Mediterranean though the ship was disguised under the American flag; that he fired as the ship changed her course as he believed she was about to ram him, and that the Petrolite's captain voluntarily furnished provisions to the submersible. This information answers the supplementary request of the United States for more data on the event.

On Disarming Ships.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary Lansing today announced that one of the Entente powers had replied to the suggestion for the disarmament of merchant ships. He declined to give the nature of the reply or to tell from whence it came, saying that he probably would make the replies public when all were received.

Alhough Mr. Lansing declined to tell what power answered, it was learned that Italy replied and that the answer was argumentative rather than conclusive. It was pointed out that alien liners were pledged not to use armament except for defense when clearing from American ports. Confidential advices from Berlin say that Germany may ask a discussion of what constitutes a defensive armament and if the question is raised it says the United States may discuss it.

With the apparent quieting of the armed ship question in congress, the submarine crisis shifts back to the negotiations between Bernstorff and Lansing.

Wheat Dropped Again.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—On a report that Verdun had fallen, the price of wheat was precipitated five and a half points today. Denials of the rumor failed to check the downward plunge.

CITY MANAGER RESIGNED.

By Associated Press.

Sherman, Texas, Feb. 26.—Earl M. Mitchell, the city manager of Sherman since the new government was effected eight months ago, resigned today on account of differences of opinion with the city commission.

NEAR SOUTHERN LIVE-STOCK SHIPPERS.

Atlanta, Feb. 26.—Lawrence Satterfield, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, will open a hearing here on Monday, so that the southern live-stock shippers can give their ideas of the proper form of a uniform bill of lading. These hearings began at New York last month, and the views of shippers in all sections of the country have been gathered. The final hearing on the subject will be held by the Commission in Washington on April 10.

GOOD ROADS CONGRESS AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—The sixth American Good Roads Congress will be held here all next week, and the boosters of better roadways from many states will attend. In connection with the Congress, the annual good roads show will be held, illustrating the modern methods of road building and repair.

State highway engineers, city engineers, contractors and others interested in the practical phases of road building will take part in the discussions, and the economics and problems of road construction will be threshed out to the mutual benefit of the various states and cities.

SPORT NOTES.

Benny Allen, the pool champion, is defending his title in the championship tournament which opens today at Chicago. The men who are competing against him are John Mayton of Sedalia, Mo., James Maturo of Chicago, Jesse Chapman of Chicago, Mike Petrie of Cricago, Ralph Greenleaf of Monmouth, Ill., Emmett Blankenship of Detroit, Frank Taberski of Schenectady, George Clark of Brooklyn, Joseph Concannon of Jersey City, Edw. Ralph of Hightstown, N. J., and Morris Fink of Philadelphia. Sixty-six games must be played to decide the match.

THE MARCH AMERICAN MAGAZINE.

In the March American Magazine are capital short stories and special articles. The is also an interesting picture section printed by the new Alco Gravure process. "The World Is Mine," by Albert W. Atwood describes the financial future opening before the United States and gives the opinions of our foremost financiers and business men concerning it. "Believing and Doing" by Emerson Hough tells the true story of what is perhaps the most remarkable college in the world. For the series entitled "The Glory of the States" George Ade has a characteristic article on Indiana—the state that has won eminence "without acquiring a double chin or wearing a wrist watch." "Getting and Holding a Job" by Hugh S. Fullerton tells how many progressive business concerns are invoking the aid of science in hiring their employees. James Hay, Jr., has an interesting article on Ex-Senator Burton of Ohio, the man with a miracle memory.

One of the most striking stories in this issue is "The Conqueror," by Dorothy Canfield. There is also good and varied fiction by Alice Garland Steele, Sophie Kerr, Ellis Parker Butler, who gives us a new "Swatty" story and Olive Higgins Prouty, who continues her novel "The Fifth Wheel."

For the series of practical health articles that is one of the magazine's continued and important features a successful business man tells how he doubled his life and trebled his income by conquering an ailment that numbers its victims by hundreds of thousands.

The need for abler moving picture writers is told by Walter Prichard Eaton. Among the month's "Interesting People" is an account of Hedley Francis Le Bas, who raised the British army by advertising. The Departments on "Habits," "The Family's Money," etc., conclude an unusually attractive and up-to-date issue.

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LAREDO PREPAREDNESS.

Now that the celebration is over, we can all see where it might have been improved upon—in the opinion of each person. Each individual has his (or her) idea of what the celebration ought to be, and each one is willing to have his (or her) individual plan adopted.

One thing that would add much to the success of future celebrations, in our humble opinion, would be to form a celebration association with a permanent organization. This association should be composed of the men and women of Laredo, and matters pertaining to the celebration could be brought up and discussed at any time during the year, instead of waiting until the last moment, when a decision on some important point has to be made in a hurry or abandoned entirely.

New Orleans is the most successful carnival city in the United States. The New Orleans Mardi Gras is always a splendid fiesta, and yet there are no advantages which New Orleans has over Laredo save the greater amount of money available for the necessary expenses and the greater hotel facilities.

But New Orleans has several societies who form the carnival association, and these societies begin planning for the coming carnival nearly a year ahead. The plans for the floats there are drawn within a few weeks after the carnival is ended, and during the months that follow the work goes constantly on, under the supervision of the various committees.

Here the work of preparing for the celebration is only taken up after the New Year's festival is ended, and there remain but a few weeks in which to arrange the entire affair. And that is one reason why our celebrations, admirable though they have been in the past, are always of a provincial nature.

There are few cities in the United States better equipped from the standpoint of climate to entertain visitors at this season of the year. There are few places in the country of more historical interest, of more interest to the tourist who knows only the prim and precise civilization of the Anglo-Saxon.

Better arrangements should be made for the entertainment of our visitors. Not that the committee has been derelict in the past, but the time given them has been so short that no mere men (or women) could do justice to the work of housing and feeding hundreds of people for whom the hotels have no room.

One trouble is that many of the Laredo people seem to think we have done everything to secure a proper celebration when we have engaged a street fair company and decorated a few floats. So far as the floats and the street fair are concerned, Laughing Water, Minnesota, could do as much, or any other city that was built on the virgin prairie two or three years ago.

There are traditions connected with Laredo that should be given prominence in our celebrations. Most people do not know that tradition places the route of the Aztecs on their march southward to found the new empire close to this point, if not at the very place known today as "Indian Crossing." Many are not aware that the army of Santa Ana on his way to attack the Alamo encamped here. Few strangers know the age of our ancient residences, or even of our ancient church of San Agustin, and even those born and reared in Laredo are not familiar with the history of this city before Texas became a republic.

There are new towns in the oil districts that are capable of presenting an exhibition to the tourists that would differ but slightly from that with which so many people here seem content. Yet a few years ago the oil towns were unknown and the country round about was a mere cattle range.

The forming of a celebration association with a permanent organization including the representative men and women of Laredo would do much toward taking our annual fiesta out of the conventional order and making it something that would appeal to people who have seen street fairs all over the country and who do not find them a novelty.

NATIONAL DEFENSE HIGHWAY.

A California member of congress has introduced a bill in the house to "acquire, construct and maintain a national defense highway; to provide employment for citizens of the United States and to physically and mentally educate them for defense."

The projected highway is proposed to encircle the United States within its borders and to run strategically near the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, as well as our northern and southern boundary lines.

The proposed highway is to be 10,000 miles long, and it is expected that it will give work at good wages for many years to at least 100,000 American citizens in good times and to several times that number in hard times, as well as adding to our trained reserves by the employment of new men periodically.

Mr. Wm. D. Stephens, the member who introduce the bill, proposes that "all persons employed, clerically or otherwise, in the construction, improvement and maintenance of said national defense highway shall be able-bodied citizens of the United States, physically and mentally fit for military duty," and that they shall during said employ be drilled and instructed for two hours daily, except Sundays and national holidays, in accordance with United States army regulations.

The estimated cost of such a highway is usually placed at not less than $10,000 a mile, and it has frequently been found to cost more to build a road that would be good in all sorts of weather. One can easily figure for himself what the proposed highway would cost.

The proposal to use 100,000 men in normal times for the construction of the road, the employes to be drilled in military tactics, is an apparent attempt to form a reserve army, whose services would be available in war time. This is presumed to be more acceptable than any form of conscription.

Texas is one of the states through which it is proposed to construct the road and it is probable that the author of the bill expects to get a large share of the backing for the measure from Texas people.

But we should like to know how the member stands upon the proposition to construct the Border Highway which has now been before congress for some two years. The border road is not proposed as a means of employing the unemployed, nor to make a speedway for autos and other vehicles.

It was proposed as a measure of border defense which is much needed, even though certain military authorities do not believe it is advisable or necessary. It is believed by those familiar with the border situation that the proposed highway from El Paso to the mouth of the Rio Grande would serve a far more useful purpose than merely giving work to a large number of citizens and drilling them for military use.

The construction of the proposed military highway along the Rio Grande would not cost a hundredth part of the national defense highway, but it would enable our war department to move troops rapidly through a section where they are needed far more than they will ever be through a greater part of the proposed territory outlined by Mr. Stephens.

In only one thing do the two highways resemble each other, and that is in the proposal that their construction and maintenance shall be under the direction of United States army engineers. This naturally would be the case with any roads built by the United States government, especially roads designed for military purposes.

If it is considered that the cost of the proposed border highway along the Rio Grande is too great to receive the approval of the majority of the residents of the interior, what must be thought of the California member's scheme? The border highway expenditure would be but a drop in the bucket compared with a road that is to run through thirty-three states and to be 10,000 miles in length.

But it might be a bigger pork barrel plan than that of the border people who are merely looking to adequate border defense.

It looks as if the last desperate effort of the Germans in France was under way. Some slight advantages have been gained, but the French troops are still holding their positions without a break, despite the presence of Emperor William to animate his soldiers. The end may be nearer than is expected.

The Germans took a British prize to sea at Teneriffe, Canary Islands, and sank her, after landing the prisoners. Just what advantage was gained is not easily comprehended, but at any rate the English have lost another vessel.

The commander of a Zeppelin that was lost at sea after a raid on England committed a bottle to the sea with his last messages to his loved ones. In that he was more fortunate than the unfortunate victims of his raid, who had no time to leave any message.

A rumor that the German ambassador was to be handed his passports was the cause of a sensational drop in wheat in Chicago. Bet we could tell who manufactured that rumor at the phychological moment.

ONION CROP IS DIMINISHED AS RESULT OF PEST RAVAGES

IN SOME PARTS OF COUNTRY DAMAGE DONE IS EXTENSIVE.

In Other Portions the Bugs Have Done Little Bad Work, But Indications Are Crop Be Small.

The onion growers in the country contiguous to Laredo are not anticipating as heavy yields of crops now as they did a short while ago, according to a statement made by one of the leading onion growers. "Thrip and other insects have played havoc with the onions in some places," said the informant, "and as a consequence the yield has been materially reduced. However, conditions could be much worse, and no doubt would be, but the growers conducted an incessant fight against the pests and this has contributed to saving the crop to the extent that has resulted."

In some sections of the country near Laredo there are growers who assert that they will have heavy yields of onions this season; that they have not been molested by thrip or rather insects to any degree and that the crop at this time is growing most excellently. Then there are other parts where growers report that their crops have already been reduced to the minimum. As it would now appear, according to reports, that much onion acreage has suffered from the ravages of pests, the crop this year is going to fall far below the average and some growers predict that the carload shipments of onions out of the Laredo section this season will be surprisingly small, compared to last year.

The dry weather and the myriads of bugs have combined to make conditions that are detrimental to the onion crop, and had copious rains fallen during the past two months these conditions would have been relieved, as rain always has a recuperative power that comes with nature's showers and that is not found in applied irrigation. Hence only calculation can be made as to the approximate number of carloads of onions which will be shipped out of the Laredo section the approaching season, but all who claim to know predict that the shipments will be comparatively small.

THE SCHOOL BOND ELECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY

PROPOSITION IS TO VOTE BONDS FOR THREE SCHOOLS.

One is to Be a Modern High School Building and the Other Two Are to Be Ward School Buildings.

One week from tomorrow, Saturday, March 4, should be a memorable day in the history of the new Laredo, for on that day a special election will be held and the progressive citizens who, as property tax-payers, shall be qualified to express their approval or disapproval at the polls, will record their vote regarding the proposition to vote bonds to the amount of $80,000 to build a high school building and two ward school buildings in Laredo.

And who will gainsay that all these buildings are not indispensable to Laredo and absolute necessities at this time? The high school structure is an ancient landmark and inadequate to the present needs, hence a modern and commodious structure with facilities for a more numerous enrollment is essential. Laredo certainly needs a new high school. As for the two proposed ward schools a similar demand exists. All these matters are being taken into consideration and given careful study by the voters who will next Saturday decide the proposition, and from present indications it would appear that the bond issue will carry unanimously.

Modern school buildings, while an absolute necessity, are also recognized as a valuable acquisition to every city, and in any place where progress is on the march and where one may go these days the people of that place point with pride to their school facilities. And this same condition should exist here in Laredo, and there is no doubt but that all Laredo's progressive citizens realize the fact and will work for and vote for the bond issue next Saturday.

Spanish Peanuts.

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Laredo Was in the Race.

The San Marcos Times, commenting on the winning of their hose racing team at Laredo on Feb. 22, incidentally forgets to mention that Laredo was in the running and has the following to say: San Marcos wins at Laredo over Taylor, 31.8 seconds to the latter's 36.2. We are all proud of our fire boys, and glory in the signal winning made at Laredo. The firemen got in from Laredo this morning, and were met at the depot and escorted up town on the big fire truck.

When the above times were made by the teams Laredo did the stunt in 30 3-5.

In the second run, however, San Marcos made a bust, while Taylor made the run in 29 2-5 and Laredo did the stunt in 27 2-5.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN,
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NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

By virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Honorable County Court of Bexar County, on 5th day of February, A. D. 1916, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Eduardo Y. Martinez versus O. A. Perron and Amador Sanchez, No. 6651, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in March A. D. 1916, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Webb County, in the City of Laredo, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

All of a certain piece or parcel of land lying, being and situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, known and designated on the official map of said City as Lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Block No. 72, levied on the 8th day of February, 1916, as the property of O. A. Perron to satisfy a judgment amounting to $641.00 in favor of Eduardo Y. Martinez, and costs of suit.

Given Under My Hand, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1916.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas.
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

LITTLE LOCALS

—Judging from the ideal weather conditions that have been prevalent in this immediate section the past few days, "Springtime is here, gentle Annie, and all nature is at her best." The trees are putting out new growths and are wrapped in verdure, the fruit trees are starting to bloom and at daybreak the carol of the little birds all serve as harbingers that ideal springtime is near.

—The work of taking down the lavish decorations that have adorned the buildings and streets of Laredo the past week is now under way. When it comes to flounting the red, white and blue to the gaze of all on holiday occasions Laredo is there with the goods, even though it is way down here at the tail end of the grand old U. S. A.

—The carnival which began in this city on the evening of February 12 will conclude its engagement tomorrow evening. During the time that this carnival has been in progress the shows have been well patronized and thousands of people have visited the attractions. No immorality has characterized any of the shows and the only disturbances ensuing were caused by attendants.

—Laredo won all the honors during the recent celebration. The Corpus baseball team came here and dropped three games to the soldier boys, the Laredo basketball team won their games and the Laredo hose racing team defeated the Taylor and San Marcos teams.

—One week from tomorrow and the property tax-payers of Laredo who are qualified to express their wishes at the polls will be given an opportunity to vote on the proposition to issue bonds in the sum of $80,000 to build three modern school buildings, one of them a high school, for Laredo.

—Improvement and building is the order of the day in Laredo. Visitors who were in Laredo the past week stated that there were more visible signs of real prosperity and building activity here than anywhere in the state and that Laredo was practically undergoing a great building boom.

—There are several answers to "L. D. R's." advertisement at The Times office. Party will please call and get them.

—The following marriage license was issued by the county clerk yesterday afternoon: Aurelio Lopez and Mrs. San Juana Moreno.

—The importations through this port yesterday afternoon from Mexico consisted of sixteen carloads of ixtle, sixteen carloads of calamine and three carloads of miscellaneous goods.

—"Laredo people are just recuperating from the strenuous effects of the celebration" was an appropriate expression heard this morning. And some of them will be a long time "recuperating." But, then, Washington's Birthday anniversary comes but once a year, and that is Laredo's day to celebrate.

STOLE SAFE AND 70,000 PESOS

Paymaster of National Railway Arrived in Private Car, Left it Temporarily and Robbers Came.

On Wednesday evening the paymaster of the National Lines railroad arrived in Nuevo Laredo in his private car, coming to pay off the railroad hands in that city. Shortly after his arrival there the paymaster decided to leave the car and go to a hotel and spend the night.

In the car was a safe containing 70,000 pesos in Carranza currency. During the night robbers visited the car, broke into it and stole the safe containing the dinero. Yesterday morning the robbery was discovered and a short time later the safe was found in the chaparral several blocks from the car in the railroad yards. The safe had been blown open and the money removed, but there was no clue to the perpetrators of the crime. However, the paymaster and several men employed about the railroad yards have been arrested on suspicion and are held in the jail over there, but there is no evidence against them.

PRESENT SIGNS OF ACTIVITY

Forces of Workmen Engaged on Laredo National Bank and Bertani Buildings Make Things Lively.

The animated scenes presented in the business district of Laredo by the activities resulting from the building operations that are in progress on the Laredo National Bank and the Bertani buildings, only three blocks apart, denote the stimulating effect generally that ensues from the operations.

On the bank building the workmen are mostly at work on the upper part of the structure, while on the Bertani building bricklayers are fast rearing the walls of the building, which will cover an area 107 feet square.

TWO ELECTIONS IN APRIL.

All City Officers, From Mayor to Aldermen, Also Four Members City School Board to Be Elected.

In April two important elections will be held in Laredo, one of them being for the election of all city officials, including mayor, city secretary, city treasurer, city attorney, city marshal and aldermen. During the same month a set of four school trustees for the Laredo Independent School District will also be chosen at the polls.

Heretofore the school trustee election has been held in May, but now it takes place in April. So far there has been nothing heard of any opposition to any of the city officials or members of the school board.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

GERMANS CLAIM SUCCESSES IN VERDUN WHILE FRENCH SAY FIGHTING LESSENING

German Prisoners Tell French that They are Given to Understand This is Last of Great German Offensive in France—Turks Claim British Attack was Repulsed with Heavy Loss to the English Forces.

WILSON STILL SET AGAINST WARNING

HOUSE LEADER SAID SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD PASS IF INTRODUCED BY VOTE OF TWO TO ONE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Wilson reiterated his opposition to congressional action warning Americans off armed ships in a conference today with Speaker Clark, House Leader Kitchin and Chairman Flood of the house committee on foreign affairs. They told Mr. Wilson that if such a resolution were brought in the house would pass it two to one. Mr. Kithin said that nothing would be done today but that he could not promise for the future. Mr. Clark said he had heard a rumor that Germany was contemplating a postponement of the new submarine campaign until April. Senator Lodge, Republican, declared in a statement that he was in full accord with Wilson's views as expressed in his letter to Senator Stone and that he would stand by the president.

Wants Congress to Act First.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A resolution expressing the sense of the senate that any issue affecting the national honor should be referred to congress before a decision, and that no ultimatum should be sent to a foreign power nor severance of diplomatic relations be permitted without reference to congress, was introduced today by Senator Jones, Republican. Bryan has sent messages to congressmen, supporting the movement warning Americans off ships. This is the first time his influence has appeared openly in congress.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

By Associated Press.

Ballinger, Texas, Feb. 25.—J. F. Wild of Moran, Texas, was instantly killed and J. W. Chestnut of Abilene probably was fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a train near here this morning.

MUST STAND TRIAL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States commissioner today dismissed the attack on the indictment of Robert Fowler, Herman Schulteis and Henry Matin, charged with fomenting strikes as members of Labor's National Peace Council, holding that they must be arraigned at New York.

SIX LAWYERS FACE DISBARMENT AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Six members of the bar of the District of Columbia are cited to appear in court next Monday to answer charges preferred against them by the grievance committee of the District Supreme Court. Three of the accused men are in jail, two others have been convicted of embezzlement and the sixth is charged with appropriating funds from an estate for his own use. The accused men are:

John W. Paterson, colored, under sentence of four years at Stillwater, Minn., for embezzlement.

David Rothschild, serving nine years for forgery, at Leavenworth, Kas.

William B. Reilly, serving three years for embezzlement, at Atlanta, Ga.

William E. Ambrose, convicted of embezzlement, appeal pending.

Creed M. Fulton, convicted with Ambrose, of embezzlement, appeal pending.

Edward N. Hopewell, appropriating from an estate for which he was acting in a fiduciary capacity.

Hopewell is said to have mysteriously disappeared from Washington about three years ago and is said never to have heard from by his friends in this city. Some friends express the fear that he may have died. Unless he is located before Monday, the U. S. Marshall will make return "not to be found."

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle to-day. All Druggists.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 25.—The German war office announces the capture of all French positions in the region north of Verdun as far as Loudemont. Ten thousand prisoners have been taken since the drive began. The capture of six additional villages is also claimed. The French official statement admits that the French have fallen back to the rear of Beaumont, although claiming that the fighting is diminishing in violence. It says that the Germans made no attack last night. The Turkish official statement today says that the British forces made an attack on the Turks below Kut-el-Amara but were driven back with considerable losses, including officers killed.

Last German Offensive.

Paris, Feb. 25.—German troops in the Verdun offensive are given to understand that this is the last of the great offensive against France, according to statements of prisoners.

Took German Steamers.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, Feb. 25.—Eight German steamers in the harbor were taken charge of by the Portuguese government.

Probing Invasion of Rights.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States government today instructed Ambassador Page at London to make inquiries at the British foreign office regarding the removal of 38 Germans from the American steamer China on the Pacific ocean and to demand the release of the prisoners if they were arrested on the high seas as indicated.

GEORGIA NEGRO LYNCHED.

By Associated Press.

Cartersville, Ga., Feb. 25.—Jesse McCracken, a negro, was taken from jail by a mob of forty men and hanged in front of the city hall. His body was riddled with bullets. The negro was charged with entering a home and attacking Mrs. A. T. Heath, a white woman, who is in a serious condition.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CHURCH IS LATEST.

Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 25.—Work will begin in the early spring on the construction of the first "anti-tuberculosis church." The new style of edifice is to have the "dim, religious atmosphere," but it is to be nearly all windows, and according to the Rev. Marion H. Garrard, the pastor, these windows will be open most of the time.

The new idea in church building is the result of the campaign being waged in Michigan against the white plague.

WETS AND DRYS AT WAR IN GREENSBURG.

Greensburg, Ind., Feb. 25.—War is on between the "wets" and "drys" of this city, and it grows more fierce today, when the local option period of two years expires. It was a long dry spell, and the liquor men are certain that they will win the special election on March 3 to decide whether the saloons will be reopened. The mayor of the city is awaiting trial on impeachment charges for failure to enforce the laws against "blind tigers."

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE TO FACE HANGMAN.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 25.—Unless his relatives and friends succeed in obtaining a stay of sentence, J. C. Bulger, soldier-of-fortune and leader in Mexican and South American revolutions, must face the hangman on Monday morning. Bulger was convicted of the killing of Llyod F. Nicodemus, a hotel man, on May 6, 1914. His sentence to be hanged was twice commuted the state Supreme Court, first to permit a hearing into his mental condition, and later for a rehearing because of the illness of one of the jurors at the sanity hearing. On January 10 last, a jury returned a verdict that Bulger is sane, and this verdict confirms the sentence to death in the week beginning February 27.

Bulger has led a roving, adventurous life. At the time of his arrest he announced he was endeavoring to recruit a regiment for the United States army. A sister, Pauline Bulger, of Brooklyn, has been active in his behalf, and she is still hopeful that the sentence will be commuted or at loast postponed.

Remains Sent to Philadelphia.

The remains of Private Kern of Troop L, Fourteenth Cavalry, who died at the Fort McIntosh hospital Wednesday night from blood poisoning, were shipped to his old home in Philadelphia this afternoon. The remains were escorted to the station by a detachment of cavalry, the casket being on a caisson and covered with a large American flag. The mount of the dead cavalryman walked in the procession, draped in mourning, while the Ninth Infantry Band played a slow and solemn dirge. The funeral was a very impressive one.

MEXICANS NARROWLY ESCAPED LYNCHING

TRIED TO LASSO YOUNG AMERICAN LADY NEAR DONNA BUT SOLDIERS GOT THERE FIRST.

By Associated Press.

Brownsville, Texas, Feb. 25.—The attempt of three Mexicans to lasso Miss Gertrude McClelland, a school teacher, near Donna yesterday nearly led to their lynching, but soldiers arrested the Mexicans before the citizens got them.

New Ambassador to Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico.

WHEAT ADVANCED AGAIN.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The wheat market opened today at an advance of 4 cents in reaction of the semi-panicky feeling yesterday which caused a 7 cent drop on rumors of a breach of international relations.

PASSENGERS SAFELY LANDED.

By Associated Press.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 25.—All the passengers aboard the liner Cretan, which collided with a schooner in a fog off Cape Hatteras early today, were transferred several hours later. There was no loss of life and the damage to the steamer was slight. A wireless message was picked up here and aid sent.

No Schooner Involved.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 25.—Reports to the general offices this morning said that the liner Cretan was in collision with the steamer Dorothy which rescued the Cretans passengers, and that no schooner was involved in the accident.

FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE SESSION.

New York, Feb. 25.—The annual session of the Intercollegiate Football Rues Committee is being held here today and tomorrow. While there are a number of matters that will be suggested and discussed, it is not believed that any radical changes will be made. One of the important questions is the further defense of the player receiving a forward pass. As the defense against the forward pass has been developed, there is a marked inclination to put the receiver of the throw out of commission by violent body blocking. The ten yard penalty has not proven a sufficient protection, in the opinion of some of the prominent rule makers.

The old question of requiring the ball actually to be touched down behind the line to constitute a touchdown has come up again, from the disputes of spectators following two instances in the major games of the East.

WIFE ACCUSES PROFESSOR OF CRUELTY.

Boston, Feb. 25.—A suit for divorce has been filed at Cambridge by Mrs. Caroline G. Eastman against Prof. Charles R. Eastman of New York, a noted educator and scientist. She alleges desertion and cruel and abusive treatment. The suit is the latest sensation in the Eastman family. Some years ago, while the Professor was doing research work at Harvard, he was accused of shooting his brother-in-law, Richard Grogan, during target practice. Dr. Eastman was tried but was acquitted. He has since been connected with research work for the Carnegie Institute, at Pittsburg.

Mrs. Eastman, who seeks a divorce, comes of a family which has attained distinction in science, her father having been the late Alvah G. Clark, who during his lifetime was the greatest maker of large telescope lenses in the world.

Mrs. Eastman is living in retirement in Cambridge. She declares she is in a nervous condition and that she wishes to live in seclusion.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE DRAFTS SCHEDULE.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—The directors of the Southern League will meet here tomorrow to approve the playing schedule which has been drafted for the coming season.

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From Thursday's Daily.

LITTLE LOCALS

—D. M. Valdez has accepted a permanent position with the Laredo National Bank and is now at his desk in that institution.

—We buy, sell, rent and exchange furniture of all kinds. Beds and mattresses for the celebration. Renovation of mattresses a specialty. Phone 417, H. Dubin Mercantile Co., 1110 Iturbide street. 2-12-1m.

—The new and modern street cars which are soon to be used on the diverted route of the street railway in this city (when that work is completed) arrived in Laredo yesterday and are now on flat cars near the powerhouse on the Heights.

—Flags, bunting, tissue paper, decorations, etc., at Saft's. 2-5-tf.

—The work of bricklaying on the Bertani building on Hidalgo street is being pushed rapidly ahead and the walls of the building on all sides are now fast being reared. Within the next few days the building will begin to "loom up," as the vernacular of the day puts it.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-tf.

—The Third Field Artillery Band, which came here from Fort Sam Houston to furnish music during the celebration, leaves tonight for San Antonio. The Ozuna Military Band from Monterey, which came here on a similar mission, left Laredo today en route to headquarters in Monterey, Mexico.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk during the past two days: Tomas Rodriguez and Consuelo Arriaga, A. B. Casdorph and Maria de Jesus Treviño Cantu.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—To the ladies who worked under Mrs. J. F. Mullally as chairman and Mrs. A. C. Richter as secretary of the ladies general committee the citizenship of Laredo owe a debt of gratitude. These ladies worked untiringly to make everything in the celebration in which they were concerned a success. Those who occupied places on the floats in the parade assisted the ladies committee and likewise deserve praise and commendation.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—When all is said and done and there is a general summarizing of the whole affair, thanks are due Joseph Netzer as chairman of the executive committee, Walter A. Craig as grand marshal and C. C. Biggio as chief of the Laredo Fire Department for the success of the parade features in which they were in charge.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—The members of the Laredo Fire Department Racing Team which made such an excellent record in the races on Tuesday afternoon are being justly praised for their work. Encouragement costs nothing—extend it to the boys and help make the team one that will in May make all Texas Firemen's Association teams realize that Laredo has the fastest reel racing team in the state. The boys are going to the state firemen's convention races in New Braunfels in May.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—Brigadier General R. K. Evans, Colonel C. J. Crane and Col. R. A. Brown and their staffs and commands contributed a big part in making the attack on the city hall and the parade the successes that these proved to be. The soldiery made a deep impression on those who watched the boys "go marching by."

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf

SMALL CLUBHOUSE DESTROYED

Shack Used by Ninth Infantry Boys as Clubhouse Entirely Consumed by Flames Early This Morning.

This morning about 1 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded from the Fourth ward and the fire department apparatus consisting of the chemical motor truck and the hose wagon from central station made a prompt response to the call and had a long run before them.

The scene of the fire was northwest of the Ninth Infantry Camp, and to reach the scene of the fire the fireboys and their apparatus must pass through the military reservation, but they did not go all the way to the fire. The fire was in a small shack used by the soldier boys as a clubhouse, but the building was entirely destroyed before the flames were discovered.

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere. *

MANY BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN IN BABY PARADE YESTERDAY

LARGE CROWD WITNESSED PROCESSION ON JARVIS PLAZA

All the Little Ones Won Prizes, But Special Prizes Were Awarded Little Tots for Special Things.

One of the prettiest and most entertaining culminating features of the Washington Birthday Celebration in Laredo was the baby parade held on the Jarvis Plaza yesterday afternoon beginning at 3:30 o'clock, which was witnessed by a large number of people who lined the plaza on several sides. The little tots, happy in their ways, were in their glory on this occasion, and in the line of procession which finally traversed the plaza walks, were little ones representing many important personages in ancient, medieval and modern history, and even the prominent characters of the country of this very moment were there impersonated by some little one—for instance Charley Chaplin, the Red Cross nurses who are doing such a heroic work on the European battlefields and others.

In order that all the children might vie with each other in friendly rivalry and no mother made to feel that her baby was neglected by the judges, everything possible was done to equalize matters and make the parade of the children an interesting event. The committee having charge of the baby parade was composed of Mrs. Reid Puster, chairman; Mrs. Kate Dear, Mrs. Sam Cook, Mrs. Joseph Netzer; Misses Vidaurri and Sanchez. The committee decided to make every child participating in the parade a prize-winner, and that each would receive a small package of candy, while those who had specialized in some way and were judged extra good in their way should receive a larger box of candy. There were many beautiful children in line, little boys and girls representing Indians, United States soldiers, prince and princess, kings and queens George and Martha Washington—in fact many important personages from hundreds of years back up to this day were represented in the line.

However, after deliberating on the matter and giving it close study three first prizes were awarded as follows: For most beautiful baby, that representing Princess Ursula, little Dorothy Brennan, daughter of Hal Brennan of Dallas; for best impersonation of two Red Cross nurses, Sarah Jane and George Jean Bodenmiller; best comic representation, that of Charley Chaplin, impersonated by Melchor Landin, Jr., son of Melchor Landin.

Mrs. Puster was assisted by Mesdames J. F. Mulally and A. C. Richter.

MORE MEN THAN WOMEN HAVE APPENDICITIS.

Surgeons state men are slightly more subject to appendicitis than women. Laredo people should know that a few doses of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, often relieve or prevent appendicitis. This mixture removes such surprising foul matter that ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. The INSTANT, easy action of Adler-i-ka is surprising. The City Drug Co.

DIMMIT COUNTY COURT ENDS

Court Officials Who Have Been in Carrizo Springs Returned to Laredo Yesterday Afternoon.

The regular February term of the district court for Dimmit county finished its business at Carrizo Springs on Tuesday afternoon and adjourned and District Judge Mullally and Court Stenographer Wilcox returned home yesterday, District Attorney Valls having preceded them here last week.

The next regular term of court which the officials will attend is that which meets at Pearsall on March 6.

Corns Come Off Like Banana Peel

Wonderful, Simple "Gets-It" Never Fails to Remove Any Corn Easily.

"Wouldn't it jar you? Here I've been going along for years, with one desperate corn after another, trying to get rid of them with salves that



Hesitate! Use Sure "Gets-It" for Those Corns and Save Your Life and Your Toes!

eat off the toes, tapes that stick to the stocking, bandages and plasters that make a package of the toes, trying blood-bringing razors and scissors. Then I tried 'Gets-It' just once and you ought to have seen that corn come off—just like a banana peel." It's simple, wonderful. It's the new way, painless, applied in two seconds, never hurts healthy flesh or irritates. Nothing to press on the corn. Never fails. Quit the old ways for once anyway and try "Gets-It" tonight. For corns, calluses, warts and bunions.

"Gets-It" is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Laredo and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by Flavio Vargas.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Ladies Card Club of Ft. McIntosh will meet at the Ninth Infantry Club at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. George C. Woodman will be hostess to the Married Ladies Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Col. and Mrs. Robert Brown will entertain with a dinner-dance at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Dance at half after eight o'clock in the evening.

Friday.

Mrs. O. J. Cook will be hostess to the Auction Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will hold its regular weekly meeting at the rectory with Mrs. Chas. Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the evening.

The Laredo Choral Club will hold its regular weekly meeting with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

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Do It Now.

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—Stephen Grellet.

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General Mention.

Mrs. Frank Higgins and children after a pleasant visit to her parents, Judge and Mrs. Hal Greer, left yesterday for their home in Sulphur, La.

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Mrs. Sidney Jackman and son expect to leave today for San Marcos after a short visit to her mother, Mrs. Ida Muller.

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Miss Ollie Yates left for San Antonio after spending the rolidays in Laredo.

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Miss Consuelo Lafon returned to San Antonio after a few day's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lafon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Max Deutz, who have been the guests of Mrs. Thekla Biscamp the past several days, returned to San Antonio yesterday.

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Mr. Hal Irby Greer accompanied by his mother and little son left for Beaumont yesterday.

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Walter Woodul left last night for Austin after a short visit to his parents.

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Among those to leave yesterday were Miss Inez Hill, San Antonio, Tom Nye, San Antonio, Harry Sames, Austin, Will Sames, San Marcos, who all spent the holidays in Laredo.

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Dr. and Mrs. Albert T. Cook of Dolores, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to relatives and friends.

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Mrs. D. R. Yates and granddaughter of Pearsall are the guests of Mrs. Sam Yates.

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Basket Ball.

In the basket ball match played yesterday the Corpus Christi team came out winner, the score being 22 against 15 for Laredo.

CAMPAIGN TO SEGREGATAE MENTAL DEFECTIVES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—The reports from many Eastern states that feeble-mindedness is increasing rapidly, and is becoming a national menace, have resulted in a big exhibit in this city, in which the various states are taking part. The exhibit opened yesterday under the auspices of the Public Charities Association of Pennsylvania and the aim of the prominent people behind the movement is to segregate the feeble-minded persons at large, and curb the growing evil. This segregation is demanded on the ground that mental defects are hereditary, and the afflicted who abound in every state should be prevented, not only from falling into crime on their own part, but from producing large families of defective children.

The exhibit will be open each day for two weeks. The facts and statistics have been carefully gathered and are effectively shown. The exhibits shown the methods of checking and ultimately extinguishing feeble-mindedness. Motion pictures and stereopticon views will supplement the displays, and interesting talkers are lecturing each day on the various phases of the problem.

Thirty civic organizations of this city are co-operating, also twelve State institutions of Pennsylvania and thirteen from other states. Much of the organization and preparation of the material for the exhibit was supervised by the Russell Sage Foundation.

The out-state institutions that are co-operating include the training school for feeble-minded, at Vineland N. J., the state school at Waverly, Mass., State Custodial Asylum, Rome, N. Y., State school for feeble-minded and Colony for Epileptics, Faribault, Minn., National Committee for Mental Hyyiene, New York, Massachusetts Reformatory for Women, South Framingham, Mass., New York Reformatory for women, Bedford, N. Y., State Board of Charities, Virginia, Juvenille Protective Society, Chicago, and Psychological Clinic of the Juvenile Court, Chicago.

The examination of all the State Prison inmates at Boston, Mass., which is now being conducted, shows that 23 percent of these prisoners are feeble-minded. Dr. Vernon Briggs of the Massachusetts State Board of Insanity, in commenting on the results of that investigation, says: "If these feeble-minded cases had been determined before they were committed to prison, the crimes for which they have in many cases been sentenced several times would have been avoided, the expense of trial and similar expenses would have been saved, and the suffering caused by the criminal acts which they have commiteed would also have been saved.

"For instance, one of the prisoners examined is actually 49 years of age. He was sentenced for breaking and entering, and the examination of his mental condition revealed that mentally he is 11,4 years of age. After the expiration of his several terms, this man, mentally under 12 years of age, has been turned loose into society to commit other crimes. This has been the case in countless other instances."

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Henne of New Braunfels are guests at the Bender.

D. J. and A. H. Moran of San Antonio are guests at the Bender.

Hon. Marshall Hicks after a short business visit here left last night for his home in San Antonio.

Walter Woodul returned this afternoon to Austin after spending a few days in this city.

Roy Adams of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department with headquarters at Corpus Christi, arrived in the city yesterday on one of his regular visits.

ROSS:—Miss R. Sommers, N. Hinojasa, J. P. Merritt, San Antonio; Manuel Raynal, Monterey; Ignacio Gomez, F. F. Rodriguez, Mexico City; Domingo Garza, Rio Grande City; D. R. Thomas, Zacatecas, Mex.; R. M. Dyer, J. C. Lewis, Peter Nix, Banquete; Lino Perez, Rio Grande City; Carlos Morton, Villaldama; Leon Berman, H. C. Hilf, Pinos, Mex.; Salvador Valencia, Francisco R. Cañedo, Guadalajara, Mex.; Jesus Gamez and family, E. P. Martinez, San Antonio; John Ruceley, Mexico City.

BENDER:—O. R. Segraves, Tampico; C. Graves, Corpus Christi; B. J. Justeson, St. Paul, Minn.; U. E. Larkin, Quincy, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Henne, New Braunfels; Eager E. Shunder, Dallas; E. P. Phelps, Houston; D. J. Moran, A. H. Moran, San Antonio; W. W. Thompson, Pittsburg; J. Bishop, Houston; J. C. McIntyre, San Francisco, Cal.; J. Y. Blain, Washington; H. Blanke, Cincinnati; W. E. Trumps, San Antonio; R. A. Seora and wife, Linares, Mex.; J. S. Craig, H. J. Hurt, San Antonio; Joe Hurter, Cleveland; W. Duncan, Dallas; Y. O. McAdams, Brauwint; J. Garcia Fuentes, San Antonio; H. W. Dawn and wife, Memphis, Tenn.; A. B. Bishop, Robert Ross, San Antonio.

WOMEN IN THE NEWS.

Washington.—Tennessee is the latest state to take up the fight for the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment, and is the 27th represented in the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Union, has returned from a trip South, where she organized branches in three States. Mrs. Harriott Stanton Blatch of New York wil direct the work being done by the Union in the enfranchised states to obtain the passage of the amendment during the present session of Congress. The states invaded by her organizers are Illinois, Kansas, Montana, Washington, Arizona, Nebraska and Wyoming.

Topeka, Kas.—It is a big job to set out to fairly regulate the hours of work, the wages and the working conditions of the women and girls of Kansas, so that the girls and women will be satisfied and industry will not be injured. This is the task which Miss Linna Bresette has tackled. When the Kansas legislature created an Industrial Welfare Commission, Miss Bresette was chosen as its secretary. She had been a factory inspector for the state, and before that was a school teacher. She has sympathy with all sorts and conditions of people, and her success is phenomenal. She is a little woman with a big job.

Washington.—Twenty-five pictures of Indian ife among the Hopi Indians from the brush of Miss Kate A. Cory, have been purchased recently by the Smithsonian Institution. Miss Cory is an adopted member of the Hopis, a wierd tribe living on the edge of the of the desert. She compiled a Hopi grammar during her six years with the Indians, and was the means of quelling a revolution.

A child that has intestinal worms is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. x

GERMANS FIGHTING DESPERATELY BEFORE VERDUN WITH EMPEROR AS A SPECTATOR

French Acknowledge Loss of Brabant, while Germans Claim Still Further Gains—Rumored that New Developments in German Situation will Have Important Bearing on Future Negotiations.

BREAK IS IMMINENT BUT NOT IMMEDIATE

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO AVOID BREACH BETWEEN WILSON AND OPPOSING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Gore announced today that he would offer a concurrent resolution that Americans should keep off armed belligerent ships. Apropos of Representative McLemore's resolution in the house such resolution would differ in that it would not require approval by the president. It seeks to remove as cause for war injury any American on an armed belligerent ship. It probably will be introduced tomorrow. Administration leaders do not see how a breach can be immediately imminent. Mr. Wilson's supporters, fearing that sentiment might embarrass diplomatic negotiations, are working to hold the administration forces in line and keep the question off the floors of the house and senate.

Senator Gore was blocked from introducing his resolution by Senator Brandegee, Republican. It is said that new developments in the German situation in which the civilian element has been overshadowed by the militarists will have an important bearing upon future negotiations.

WHEAT BROKE TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat today broke 7 cents a bushel on rumors of a breach between the United States and Germany. Handing the German ambassador his passports was the principal rumor.

RAYMOND ROBINS OPENS FEVIVAL AT DARTMOUTH.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 24.—Raymond Robins of Chicago, ex-miner, lawyer, reformer and authority on labor questions, will conduct Dartmouth's evangelistic campaign which opens tomorrow. Mr. Robins is meeting with success in his year of evangelistic work, to which he has pledged himself.

FROM CHAINS TO SOLITARY CELL FOR FRANK'S ASSAILANT.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 24.—William Creen, life prisoner at the state prison at Milledgeville, who has been chained to a concrete post for the sake of safety ever since his murderous attack upon Leo M. Frank, is being freed of his chains and placed in a solitary confinement cell. Two new solitary cells are being installed.

SOCIALIST CONGRESSMAN URGES PEACE OFFER.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Foreign Affairs committee of the House of Representatives will today give a hearing no the bill introduced by Congressman Meyer London, the only Socialist member of Congress, calling on the President to convene a congress of neutral nations to talk peace.

It is said that the Dutch and German socialists are especially interested in the outcome of the hearing and the fate of the bill in Congress.

NEED EFFICIENCY METHODS.

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—Why should a man without a left eye be barred from the military service? That is what Fred Kuemmling, Joplin, Mo., wanted to know when he was rejected today for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps at its Kansas City recruiting station.

"I don't see why you won't take me," said Kuemmling, "Don't you have to squint or close the left one you shoot? I wouldn't have to waste any motion doing that because I haven't got any. You need modern efficiency methods in your service, I can see that."

Several Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere. *

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 24.—The Verdun fighting continues the most important war operations, where the Germans with 280,000 men claim further gains north of the fortress, according to today's official statement. It says the entire wooded district northwest and northeast of Beaumont and the forest of Herbe are in German hands, they also capturing the villages of Brabant, Haumont and Samogueux. The French claim to hold the approaches south of Haumont, checking the Germans there. The commander of the Portuguese naval division seized 36 German and Austrian vessels in Lisbon harbor, hoisting the Portuguese colors.

Wilhelm in France.

London, Feb. 24.—Emperor William has established his headquarters at a position facing Verdun, according to a Berlin despatch to the Evening News. The French war office says that an air squadron bombarded the railway station near Metz and the gas tank, and that a great fire was observed. The statement concedes the loss of Brabant to the Germans, but says that the French line is unbroken at any point.

German Raider at Large.

New York, Feb. 24.—The possibility of a German sea raider being at large in the northern Atlantic was suggested today when the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi reported on her arrival today that she had received a wireless warning from Halifax Tuesday to be on the lookout for such a vessel.

Died After Retiring.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Admiral von Pohl, retiring two days ago as commander of the battle fleet, died here today.

Zeppelin's Last Message.

London, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing the last message from the commander of Zeppelin L-19 which was wrecked in the North Sea following the air raid on England January 31. The massage was addressed to the commander's parents, wife and son, and said that the Zeppelin was dropping and that all expected to drown.

Sank British Prize.

London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Westburn, which yesterday entered Teneriffe, Canary Islands, in charge of a German prize crew with 206 prisoners, was sunk by her captors outside the harbor today, according to the latest reports. After landing the prisoners, taken from various vessels sunk by the raider, said to be the Moewe, the prize crew took the prize to sea and sank her.

TED LEWIS FIGHTS AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 24.—Ted Lewis and Harry Trendall, a local boxer, will meet at the Coliseum tonight for a ten round bout.

ELECTROCUTE NEGRO IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

York, S. C., Feb. 24.—Israel Good, a seventeen-year-old negro, will be electrocuted at the state penetentiary at Columbia tomorrow morning. He wes recently convicted here of an assault on a six-year-old white girl.

JUST PLAIN BILL.

Akron, Ohio, Fef. 23.—When William F. Simpson enlisted in the United States Marine Corps he named as his next of kin, Plain Bill Simpson, father, or Salisbury, Mr. 'Plain' is the father's first name young Simpson explained, and everyone in Salisbury calls him just "Plain Bill Simpson."

IN A BAD FIX.

One dark night three friends were crossing a deep, dry ravine, the banks of which were very precipitous. As the party had been imbibing a little too freely, one of the three had to be assisted up the incline. When, thinking him safe at the top, his friends turned him loose, he fell to the bottom. He lay very still, and the other two, supposing him severely injured, rushed down to him. As they leaned over to discover his condition, the fallen one exclaimed:

"For God's sake, strike a match! I think I am unconscious."—Everybody's.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the nited States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; frost nearly to coast except lower Rio Grande valley. Friday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 83 degs.
Min. temp. 52 degs.
General direction of wind: South.
Clear.

COMMITTEE MET TO PROBE THE CHARGES

UPROAR AND CONFUSION MARKED MEETING INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF SALARY GRAFT IN CHICAGO.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Uproar and confusion marked the opening session today of the city committee investigating the split salary charges made by Mrs. Page Eaton, the resigned superintendent of social surveys, against her former superior, Mrs. Louise Rowe, chief of the commission on public welfare. Mrs. Eaton related how Mrs. Rowe offered her a position paying $250 monthly and that she should pay one-third of her salary to Mrs. M. F. Mivelaz, sister-in-law of Mayor Thompson.

BIG TENEMENT FIRE.

By Associated Press.

Passic, N. J., Feb. 24.—Two hundred and forty persons homeless today, resulting from a fire sweeping through the tenement district this morning. The loss was $200,000. The origin is believed to have been the upsetting of a candle while two men were chopping wood in a cellar and quarreled.

WOMEN IN THE NEWS.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the stormy petrel of the English militant suffragettes, will be heard this afternoon in her new role as agent for war relief. She speaks in Garrick Theatre under the auspices of the Equal Franchise League. Miss M. Carey Thomas, of Bryan Mawr College, is Mrs. Pankhurst's hostess. Women's service to her country is the keynote of Mrs. Pankhurst's present activities, and it is announced that she will keep to the announcement which she made when she landed on American soil that she will devote her talks to war relief.

Columbus, Miss.—The annual meeting of the Home Science and Art Institute of Mississippi opened here today. The programme extends for three days, under the direction of Miss Susie Will Gunter, head of the home science department at Industrial Institute and College. Among the prominent speakers are Miss Carrie A. Lyford, of Washington, a specialist of the Federal Bureau of Education, Miss Ivy Causey, agent for Pearl River County, Miss Susie V. Powell, head of industrial work in the rural schools of the state, Miss Connie Bonslagel, who heads the demonstration work among women and girls on Mississippi farms, and Miss Margaret Roudabush, dean of the woman's department at the State University.

Philadelphia.—Few women would care to spend most of their time with whtie rats, or any other kind of rodent. But Dr. Helen Dean King, in her laboratory at the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology at the University of Pennsylvania, is surrounded by some three thousand white rats, al arranged in cages. She is conducting an unusual experiment. The result may be the revolutionizing of the whole system of stock-raising. Dr. King is the only woman in America holding a research professorship. She has been at her post here for six years, and has had barely ten days vacation. By a new system of breeding, she finds that bigger and better rats can be developed, and it is her belief that what can be done with rats can be done with other animals. Dr. King has ideas varying from those of Darwin, for she believes that his theory that inbreeding leads to loss in bodily size is a false one, and she claims to have exploded it already.

FINE GRAFT.

Madge—I don't think there'd be any fun in voting anyhow.

Marjorie—Sure there would. If a woman you didn't like were running you could get all the fudge and soda you wanted out of her and then vote against her.—Judge.

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From Wednesday's Daily.

A DESPERATE EFFORT.

For several years past it has been evident that Japan was making desperate efforts to secure a foothold, thorough a naval base, on the Western hemisphere. Magdalena Bay on the Mexico coast was one of the desired objectives, but that was refused through the efforts of the United States.

Lately, it has been discovered, Japan has been making strenuous efforts to secure an island from the Panama Republic, but the negotiations were broken off because the Panamanian minister to Spain, Antonio Burgos, brought the documents in the case to Washington and laid the matter before our state department.

Colombia is now considering the sale of a site on her coast to Japan, it is said, and official circles in Washington are disturbed over the statement that the failure to approve the treaty with Columbia may incline hat country to lend a willing ear to the Japanese proposals.

Naturally, we are interested in any attempt to establish a naval or military base of a foreign power within striking distance of the Panama Canal, or any other of our possessions. The Monroe doctrine probably will be invoked to interfere with the plans of Japan to establish a naval base on the Colombian coast or in fact, any other part of the American continents.

More than three years ago a resolution was adopted in our senate with regard to the proposed session of Magdalena Bay to the Japanese, in which it was stated that the United States would "view with grave concern" the establishment of a naval or military base "the occupation of which might threaten the communications or the safety of the United States."

Senator Lodge, who proposed the resolution, said: "The declaration rests on the generally accepted principle that every nation has a right to protect its own safety, and if it feels that the possession of any given harbor or place is prejudicial to its safety, it is its duty and right to intervene."

The opening of the Panama Canal gave to all the coasts of Central and South America an importance that they had never before possessed with regard to the safety of our communications. Should Japan succeed in securing a naval base on the Colombian coast, she would have a place from which to send an expedition against the Panama Canal, which would be only a few hundred miles away.

It is useless to state that Japan has no hostile intentions toward us. So far as is known, no nation on earth has at present any intention of going to war with the United States, but we should be extremely foolinsh to permit the establishment of any base that might be used to our naval or military disavantage whenever it appeared desirable.

Should Colombia, either for gain or for desire to show her unfriendlines toward us because of the failure to ratify the treaty paying her a large sum of money, grant the cession of a harbor on her coast to Japan, it would become necessary for us to immediately protest and stop the consummation of the deal.

It is not to be expected that Japan would show any anger at such an act, as to do so would be to expose her hand, something which the wily Japanese are not given to doing.

Nor would Colombia have any right to protest, as the cession of a naval base to a pontential enemy would be frowned upon by all the other American nations. The base could be used against any of Colombia's enemies as well as those of Japan, and would form a base for a possible invasion of South and Central America, something which we are determined to prevent at all cost.

It is not surprising that Japan is still trying to secure a naval base in the Americas. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the Oriental is his infinite patience and his unwillingness to surrender a plan once formed.

But we shall not permit the establishment of such a base at any point where it might menace our communications in the future, no matter what the friendliness of Japan at present.

VILLA AGAIN ACTIVE.

Reports from Carranza military headquarters in Juarez to the effect that the Carranza garrison at Guerrero in Chihuahua is surrounded by a strong Villa force and is appealing for help indicate that the wily bandit chieftain is not so menaced by his pursuers that he cannot do a little bsiness in his own line.

Guerrero is some distance from the various places where it was alleged that Villa was surrounded, and the fact that his forces are bold enough to attack a Carranza garrison would seem to indicate that he is not in such straits as former reports would have us believe.

It is rather surprising to find an adverse report proceeding from the Juarez headquarters. Heretofore none but optimistic tales of the pursuit of the Villa bandits have come from that quarter, and it has been frequently asserted that Villa was boxed up in a canyon, that he was making his way to the American border, that his capture was only a question of a few hours, etc., each story conflicting with the preceding one.

Americans from Chihuahua arriving at Juarez reported, so it is said, that the Mexican ranchers in that vicinity had become enraged at the frequent raids of the Villa bandits and had organized to exterminate them. But the escape of the Villistas from the pursuing Carrancistas indicates that the ranchers themselves are on the side of the bandits, rather than against them, for it is plain to see that a combination of the regular forces and the ranchmen would succeed in putting an end to the raids.

It seems certain that Villa is not so weak as we have been given to believe. A force without arms or ammunition could not long continue the raids which have been reported. And they could not secure provisions without the passive aid, at least, of the ranchers.

The Carranza cause has never been given hearty support in Chihuahua and Sonora. The defection of Maytorena and Villa was hailed by the people in that section as the beginning of a new revolution which was to free the section of the Carranza domination. And each movement of the Carranza troops was immediately reported to their opponents, with the result that for over a year Villa and Maytorena were enabled to evade the larger forces and to attack the smaller bodies with success.

It is true that the fighting in that section has degenerated into mere bushwhacking. There are no more battles, nor have there been any for months past. But it is apparently Villas' intention to keep up the guerrilla warfare with the object of harassing his enemies as much as possible and preventing the complete pacification of the country.

The repudiation of all the Villa currency has worked hardship, not only to the Villa sympathizers but also to those who favored the Carranza cause. Their only money declared worthless, the people have faced hunger and cold, without the means of purchasing the commonest necessities.

The new issue of Carranza notes, which it is stated are to be guaranteed with gold and silver bullion, are announced to be exchangeable at par. It is not stated whether this means that the new notes are to be exchanged at face value of the old notes, which are now worth about 3 cents on the dollar, or if the "par" relates to the face value of the new notes only, accepting the old ones at their market value.

Two hundred and fifty millions of pesos guaranteed by a deposit of gold and silver should have a par value upon their issue, but if the old notes are to be accepted in exchange only at their market value, the people holding the latter will be no better off than before, and the smouldering hostility to the Carranza government may break out in open resistance.

Meanwhile, the important thing for the Carranza government to do is to smother all opposition, and the entire force at the command of the de facto government should be sent into the Villa country if any headway is to be made in the complete pacification program.

Turkey is finding that the Russian has some of the characterintics of the bear, and that while slow to move, his momentum is irresistible after he is once started. The present war probably will mean the expulsion of the Turk from Europe.

The plan to federalize the National Guard will certainly meet with some opposition. Even the law requiring the militia to attend the mobilization camps has not met with general approval, and to give up the entire organization to the control of the federal government will mean a wonderful change.

Now that Lincoln has been recaptured an attempt is being made to find out who aided in his escape. He claims that he is not extraditable because he is merely "an international spy." And he belongs in the same category as Werner Horn and all the other criminals in the pay of the German ambassador.

The president is to be asked to show up Elihu Root by submitting the correspondence with Korea when Japan was occupying that unfortunate country, because Root attacked the president for not protesting against the occupation of Belgium. Sauce for the goose, etc.

MANY ATTEND BULLFIGHTS

Thousands Crossed From This Side to Nuevo Laredo During Two Days That Bullfights Were Held.

The bullfights in Nuevo Laredo on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, according to the verdicts of those who witnessed the barbarous sport, were most exciting and full of ginger and the ferocious bulls that were turned into the ring made life interesting for the matadores.

On Monday those who saw the fight then pronounced it one of the best and most animated that has taken place in Nuevo Laredo in years, and some of the bull fighters had narrow escapes from tragic deaths. The fight yesterday afternoon was another lively encounter. The final fight will take place this afternoon.

An Interesting Test.

Captain John M. Womack will give a demonstration of his fireproof paint in front of the mayor's office, Market Plaza, Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The captain will take a dry-goods box painted with his paint and, after saturating it with kerosene, will set it afire with the result, as he claims, that the box will not be injured. If this is the case the shingle roofs of numerous buildings in Laredo, if painted with this fireproof paint, would not scatter burning shingles which are often carried long distances by high winds, causing the destruction of several hundred houses in Fort Worth south of the depot and, a short time ago, of about one-third of the frame houses in Mineral Wells.

WAIVED EXAMINATION.

Abraham Kallman, Charged With Smuggling Feathers, Gave Bond For Appearance.

Before Commissioner Foster this morning Abraham Kallman, arrested the night of January 29 on a charge of attempting to smuggle valuable feathers into this country from Nuevo Laredo, waived examination and was held in $5,000 bond to appear before the federal court at the April term. He gave the necessary bond through the American Surety Company and was released from custody.

BAND CONCERTS MUCH ENJOYED

People Given Musical Treats By the Two American Military and One Mexican Military Bands.

Laredo people and the several thousand visitors were given opportunities to enjoy the best that there was in the musical line on Monday and Tuesday, both day and night, when the Ninth Infantry Band, the Third Field Artillery Band and the Ozuna Brigade Band of Monterey rendered high-class programs before crowds that thronged the plazas on which they were playing alternately during the time. At the same time two local bands played in other parts of the city.

The music committee, headed by I. Alexander, is deserving of the thanks and commendation of Laredo people, for their untiring efforts to bring to this city musical attractions that would provide a class of music "something different" from the ragtime variety. When the people heard the two American military and one Mexican military band render their selections they heard the best that there was in music, for the dulcet tones of those musicians are of the kind that is heard only with good musical organizations.

TWO MASCOTS IN UNIFORM

Boys of Central Station Had Two Little Firemen in Togs Akin to Those Worn by Paid Firemen.

Two of the happiest "firemen" in the street parade yesterday were those little fellows with the Hook and Ladder boys who occupied seats on each side of the driver on the hose wagon. They were Hal and Willis Greer, the small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Irby Greer of Beaumont.

Wearing uniforms of a color to match those of the Hook and Ladder boys, Hal and Willis, with their helmets and boots, presented a scene found only in paid fire departments, but the youngsters were a happy pair and would not have exchanged their places with anybody for anything better.

John Robert Fasnacht, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fasnacht, wearing a uniform of Rescue Hose Co. No. 3, was mascot of that company and marched in the line.

Extends Invitation.

Judge Charles M. Barnes, of San Antonio, before the regular ceremonies commenced at the City Hall yesterday morning, through Mayor Robert McComb invited the people of Laredo to attend the carnival festivities of the Fiesta San Jacinto and Battle of Flowers at San Antonio during the period commencing April 21 and concluding April 29. Judge Barnes also invited Mayor McComb into the order of S. O. S. V., the order conducting one of the prominent features of the fiesta. He also, on behalf of the committee of One Hundred invited the people of both Laredo's to attend the great International Fair to be held in San Antonio in 1918.

Given Veteran Jewels.

At the regular meeting of Aztec Lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, Special Deputy Grand Chancellor J. W. Thompson presented their 25-year veteran jewels to the following Brother Knights: Chancellor W. R. Pace and Knights A. W. Wilcox and W. F. Galbraith.

STRAND'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Laredo Moving Picture House Celebrated Double Anniversary With Large Crowds.

Yesterday was the first anniversary of the Strand Theater, and so there was a double celebration there—that of the Father of his country and that of the first substantial theater erected in Laredo.

During the year past the Strand has met with a generous patronage on the part of Laredo citizens, and the crowds at the anniversary celebration were so great that room could not be found for all.

It is the intention of the Strand management, under the direction of the indefatigable Ben Johns, to give their patrons the best in moving pictures, and to make the Strand at all times a desirable place to pass the hours which are devoted to enjoyment.

Every change that has been made since the theater first opened its doors has been for the betterment of the service and for the added convenience and pleasure of the patrons. That the people are appreciative of what has been done for them is evidenced by the constant large attendance.

The Times joins with the Laredo public in wishing the Strand many happy returns of the day and an increased success and prosperity.

Social at Methodist Church.

There will be a social meeting at the Methodist Church tonight consisting of special music, a lecture by the pastor on his visit to Mt. Vernon, and a social half hour. Every guest asked to bring a ten cent lunch to trade on. Everyone invited.

WALTER L. BARR, Pastor.

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I. & G. N. Night Train.

Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

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Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

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FINAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

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This is the final day of the seventeenth annual celebration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington by the citizenship of Laredo, and the climax of an interesting program of festivities will be band concerts and carnival attractions this evening.

This morning at Fort McIntosh began interesting field day exercises participated in by men of the various commands stationed out there, and which will consume the entire day. This afternoon the final game of the series between the Ninth Infantry and Corpus Christi baseball teams will be played—so far the Ninth Infantry have won the two games played. Tonight the carnival attractions and the band concerts will terminate the celebration program.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Ry. will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,
Secretary.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1916.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

The Children's Parade will form at three o'clock in the afternoon in Jarvis Plaza.

Thursday.

Ladies Card Club of Fort McIntosh will meet at the Ninth Infantry Club at half after two o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. George C. Woodman will be hostess to the Married Ladies Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Col. and Mrs. Robert Brown will entertain with a dinner-dance at 8 o'clock in the evening.

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A heart that is glad when your heart is gay,
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A heart that can cheer your heart with its song,
And comfort your hour of need;
A heart that is brave and faithful and strong,
Whenecer misfortune may lead.

A heart that is yours when the way seems dark,
And yours in sunshine, too;
A heart that cares not for rank or mark,
But only the heart of you.

A heart that will shield when others abuse,
The name that it knows is clear,
That would rather miss fortune and fame than lose
The love of a friend that is dear.

A heart that will hear no ill of you,
But is ever quick to defend;
A heart that is always true, steel true—
Such is the heart of a friend.

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General Mention.

Mrs. Kerr of Cotulla is a guest of Mrs. Oliver Ulmer and will be in the city until Wednesday.

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Mrs. Jennie May has as her guests Mrs. Atlee, who lives near Cotulla, and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Yakey of Agua Dulce, who will spend the week with her.

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Mrs. J. Blake Alexander of San Antonio is in the city spending a few days and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Guinn.

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Otto Withoff of Matehuala, arrived in the city yesterday for a short visit to his mother, Mrs. C. Withoff.

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Mr. Davis McGown has as his guests during the celebration his sisters, Misses Marjorie and Katherine McGown of San Antonio.

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Mr. W. F. Jones of San Antonio is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Seb S. Wilcox.

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Mrs. A. Adams of San Antonio is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Arthur.

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Mrs. W. H. Schmitt of San Antonio, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Haynes, expects to leave for home today.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Heaner have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Terrell of Seguin.

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Miss Lucille Heusinger of San Antonio is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin.

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Tom Nye, after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye, expects to return to school today.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Biggio have as their guests Mrs. R. G. Blossman and Miss Margaret Heye of Corpus Christi.

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Mrs. A. W. Schmitt returned to Zapata today, after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies.

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Entertainments.

Mrs. C. M. Fish entertained the members of the Tournament Bridge Club and a few additional guests on Monday afternoon very delightfully. A daintily appointed two-course luncheon was was served to Mesdames Martin, Morrison, Vidales, Halsell, Garlick, Johnston, Derby, Christen and Biggio.

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The younger crowd of boys entertained a number of their friends with a dancing party at Elks Hall Monday evening. The Villar orchestra furnished the music. Among those who enjoyed the hospitality of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Hal Irby Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Cranks, Mr. and Mrs. Shiner; Misses Louise Muller, Myrtle Mackin, E. Bailey, Miriam Werner, Ruth Scratchley, Craig of San Antonio, Theodora Gullette, Alice Denike, Inez Hill, Courtney Slaughter, Mary Sames, Elizabeth Mussett, Cleo Pereira; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deutz, Lieut. Dwan, Messrs. Robt. Ennis, Alden Muller, Robt. Muller, Gerald Sielski, Archie McCullough, John Mussett, Tom Mussett, Tom Nye, Randall Nye, Harry Sames, Will Sames, Edgar Garlick, Seymour Denike, Leslie Stoner, Henry Crumpler, Lieut. Zundell and other.

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Club Notes.

The B. R. D. A. Club elected new officers on Saturday, as follows: President, Miss Amalia Garcia; secretary, Miss Josefa Guerra; treasurer, Mrs. Blanche D. Henry.

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Shower for Bride.

At the residence of Mrs. Blanche D. Henry the B. R. D. A. Club gave a "china shower" on Monday afternoon to Miss Clara Dickinson, a bride of the month. The shower was given by Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Peña and Misses Tomasa Guerra and Maria Garza. A series of charades resulted in Misses Panchita Garcia and Blasita Flores as winners, the prizes being beautiful pieces of porcelain. The dining-room was elegantly and artistically decorated; from the center hung suspended a basket of white roses, from which fell white tulle streamers to the table. A delicious luncheon was served, the place favors being dainty silk sacks of rice, significant of abundance and felicity for the bride. The bride-to-be received a veritable shower of beautiful pieces of porcelain and china, the gifts of the members of the club.

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Dance.

The Boys Athletic Club and the High School Girls complimented the visiting Fire Teams with an informal dancing and bunco party yesterday afternoon at half after four o'clock in the hall over the Bon Ton millinery shop. There was a large attendance, about a hundred guests being present. Delicious fruit punch and cake was served throughout the afternoon, and dancing continued until seven o'clock in the evening.

Closing Concert Tonight.

The band of the Third Field Artillerylery will play the closing concert at Martin Plaza tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The work of this efficient musical organization has been much appreciated by the people of Laredo and the hundreds of visitors.

NEW AMBASSADOR IS NOW BEFORE SENATE

HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER'S NAME RECOMMENDED FOR PROMPT ACTION BY THE SENATE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Henry Prather Fletcher's nomination as ambassador to Mexico was ordered reported to the senate today by the foreign relations committee with a recommendation of confirmation quickly.

Chairman Stone will submit reports on Fletcher late today and an attempt to secure an immediate vote will be made. Administration leaders say his confirmation is assured.

THE BRANDEIS CASE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 23.—It was charged today before the senate subcommittee considering Louis D. Brandeis' nomination for the supreme court that Brandeis was hired by the late E. H. Harriman to obtain proxies for the celebrated fight for control of the Illinois Central railroad and also that Brandeis was connected with the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

From Monday's Daily.

LAREDO DEVELOPMENT WORK IS STRONGLY MANIFESTED

BY GREAT IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR

While Visitors Are Here For Celebration This Week They Will Realize That Laredo Has Been Awake.

While Laredo is flooded with visitors during the big celebration this week they will be afforded an opportunity to note the great progress made by the Gateway City during the time that had elapsed since their visit here of a year ago. And while these visiting guests look about and make observations of the advancement work that has taken place since their trip last year, naturally Laredo will be the recipient of applause and commendation at their hands.

When the celebration visitors came to Laredo in February, 1914, there was no paved Jarvis Plaza, there was no three-story Mercy Hospital, no double-wing Bender Hotel with court, no Royal Opera House, no handsome Laredo National Bank building, all notable improvements made in a year, and besides they now find numerous other buildings of minor importance that have been reared here since they visited Laredo last. And then, too, they will observe the fact that the street car track which for about thirty years had been undisturbed and ran an airline from the railroad station, down side streets to the cemeteries, had diverted its track and now penetrated the business district (for the cars will be operating on Farragut street, Flores Avenue and Lincoln street soon.)

Others who will take a sight-seeing trip around the city and visit the different sections will find that the "song of the hammer and the saw" has been continuous and uninterrupted in this city, especially that part of the city known as the "Heights," where a veritable transformation has taken place within a year and several hundred cottages have been erected—one street alone, Market, now being lined with a number of handsome dwellings in cottage or bungalow style. Hence, Laredo people can feel a pride this year when they call the attention of visitors to the great development that has taken place within a year here. But still this is nothing compared to what is promised for the next year.

RACES TO OCCUR TOMORROW, SEVERAL TEAMS TAKE PART

SAN MARCOS AND TAYLOR TEAMS REACHED CITY YESTERDAY.

Contests Tomorrow in Front of Federal Building Will No Doubt be Witnessed by Large Crowd.

Tomorrow afternoon, beginning promptly at 1:30 o'clock, on Matamoros street in front of the federal building, will take place the hose reel races and the Paris rule races between teams from Laredo, San Marcos, Taylor and other teams, the Taylor and San Marcos teams having reached Laredo yesterday afternoon. The same judges and other officers who had charge of the contests last year will be at the stations tomorrow afternoon.

Chief C. C. Biggio is chairman of the racing committee of the Laredo Fire Department and also of the celebration, and will have charge of the contests. The rules governing the contests are practically the same as last year, but the captains of the various teams will meet this afternoon to agree to "ground rules" and the making of concessions in the event such be necessary.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock all the visiting and local firemen will assemble at Firemen's Hall preparatory to falling in line in the grand street parade which is scheduled to move through the streets at about 10 o'clock.

THREE FINE MILITARY BANDS

Laredo Has Three Military Musical Organizations and One Local Band to Provide Concerts Tonight.

There will be several band concerts in progress this afternoon and tonight, the music being provided by the Ninth Infantry Band, the Ozuna Brigade Military Band of Monterey, the Third Artillery Band of Fort Sam Houston and the Buitron Brass Band of this city.

This evening the kiosk or bandstand on Jarvis Plaza will be occupied for the first time, in fact it will be the dedication of the new plaza, and the Ninth Infantry Band will give a concert from 8 to 11 o'clock.

The Ozuna Brigade Band is playing a concert in front of the city hall this afternoon, the program beginning at 3 and lasting until 5 o'clock.

The Third Artillery Band from Fort Sam Houston arrived on this afternoon's train and will probably give a concert in front of the city hall beginning at 8 o'clock this evening.

The Ozuna Brigade Band of 45 musicians, under the direction of Major Miguel Perez, has inconvenienced themselves to come to Laredo and are direct from field service. The uniforms worn by these band members denote the fact that they are right out of army quarters, hence this explanation to avoid any criticism of the clothes they wear. In this case "it is not the clothes that makes the musician,"—just listen and hear the sweet melodies rendered by the Ozuna Brigade Band.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

LITTLE LOCALS

—Professor Villar and music pupils will give a grand recital at the Latin-American Club on the 28th of this month and they are just now busy preparing an elaborate program for the occasion.

—Laredo Woolen Company, Tailors. Cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Ladies' work a specialty. Clothes called for and delivered. Rom Horner and C. W. Tate. Phone 210. 2-14-6t

—Troop I 14th Cavalry has returned to Fort McIntosh after being stationed at San Ignacio, Zapata county for some time.

—We buy, sell, rent and exchange furniture of all kinds. Beds and mattresses for the celebration. Renovation of mattresses a specialty. Phone 417, H. Dubin Mercantile Co., 1110 Iturbide street. 2-12-1m.

—The set of six uniforms ordered for the Heights Chemical Co. have arived and will be seen in the parade tomorrow for the first time. Laredo will have four uniformed companies in line in the street pageant.

—Flags, bunting, tissue paper, decorations, etc., at Saft's. 2-5-tf.

—Now is the time to clip your horses. We do it at a reasonable charge. Laredo Transfer Co. Phone 864. 1-27-tf.

—The Corpus Christi base ball team and the Cotulla basket ball team are both in Laredo, one arriving yesterday afternoon and the other today. The two teams will meet Laredo teams this afternoon and tonight and two interesting contests are anticipated. The Corpus base ball team and Ninth Infantry team are playing this afternoon at Fort McIntosh.

—City Fish & Poultry Co. City Market. Fish, oysters and all kinds of sausage. Phone 201. 1-19-1m

—There is no school in the Laredo public schools today and tomorrow. It would be foolishness to try to hold school, so the trustees called it off for two days. "Young America" can show his or her colors today and tomorrow—and this will be done in a most satisfactory manner.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—The concert given on the Martin Plaza last night by the Ninth Infantry Band attracted a large and appreciative audience. There is always a big crowd on hand when the Ninth Infantry Band plays, for lovers of music know what kind of music they get when the soldier boys begin to toot melodies.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—Probate court met this morning in County Judge Page's office and then adjourned until after the close of the celebration.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Pedro Cerna and Catalina Fuente, T. J. Sargent and Winona Hartley, Fabian Ortiz and Maria Gomez.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—A message received here last night from Sheriff Gardner of Dimmit county announced that a Mexican had been murdered there yesterday morning and that the men charged with the crime were Justo Mireles and Antonio Tovar. Neither of the men have been arrested so far as learned.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf.

Died.

Daisy, the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Potts died at 12:15 o'clock Sunday morning, February 20th, at their home No. 1620 Victoria street, after a brief illness. The remains were shipped last night to Cincinnati, Ohio, for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Potts have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sad hour of bereavement.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

The Tournament Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. C. M. Fish at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

There will be no meeting of the Woman's Club in any department today.

Dance at Elks Hall in the evening.

Tuesday.

Fireman's Coronation Ball at Elks Hall in the evening.

Wednesday.

The Children's Parade will form at three o'clock in the afternoon in Jarvis Plaza.

General Mention.

Miss Consuelo Lafon arrived yesterday from San Antonio to spend the Washington holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lafon.

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Mrs. Ben Katz of San Antonio arrived Sunday to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Moser, and also the guest of Mrs. Chas. Ross.

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Messrs. Walter and Tom Nye arrived to spend the Washington holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye.

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Walter Woodul came in from Austin yesterday to attend the celebration.

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Mrs. Hal Irby Greer of Beaumont came in yesterday on a visit to his wife and two small sons, who are the guests of Judge and Mrs. Hal W. Greer. Mr. Greer will remain until Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Fries of San Antonio arrived on the noon train to be the guest of Mrs. Schmidt and son, C. L. Schmidt, for the celebration.

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Mrs. Max Deutz, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Deutz and her son, Paul, were expected to arrive today from San Antonio.

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Mr. A. C. Richter returned this morning from a business trip to New York.

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Mr. Legette Tarver arrived in the city yesterday on a business trip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koen of Austin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Daiches during the celebration.

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert McCulloch of Corpus Christi arrived yesterday to spend several days attending the celebration and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winch, parents of Mrs. McCulloch.

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Mrs. Sidney D. Jackman and baby of San Marcos arrived in the city Saturday for a visit to Mrs. Jackman's mother, Mrs. Ida Muller.

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Judge and Mrs. C. C. Thomas of Cotulla arrived in the city yesterday for the celebration.

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Miss Inez Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill arrived home yesterday from college to spend the celebration days.

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Mrs. E. B. McAllister of San Antonio is in the city for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Gus G. Schmitt.

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Mrs. W. H. Schmitt of San Antonio arrived yesterday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James J. Haynes.

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Capt. and Mrs. Jordan of Fort Sam Houston, are expected in today, to be the guests of friends at Fort McIntosh.

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Announcements.

The coronation of the new queen at the Fireman's Ball on Tuesday night will take place at 8:45 o'clock, and the grand march will begin promptly at 9 o'clock.

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Col. and Mrs. Robt. Brown will entertain with a supper and dance on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

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Miss Pauline Gilmore was married to Mr. Fred W. Wright at San Diego Saturday afternoon by Rev. Father J. P. Bard. Miss Gilmore is a popular young lady of Laredo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, and Mr. Wright is agent of the Texas-Mexican railway at Benavides. The newly married couple went to their future home at Benavides immediately after the ceremony.

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Club Notes.

Miss Ernestina Sanchez entertained the members of the J. U. G. Club most delightfully with a box party at the Strand Theater Saturday afternoon, followed by refreshments, consisting of a salad course. Those present were: Misses Vesta Sutton, Anita Sharkey, Esher Sharkey, Eugenia Lafon, Sara Vidaurri and the hostess.

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Entertainments.

Miss Amar Penn entertained the members of the Nullos Club and a few additional guests with a delightful party on Saturday afternoon. After a series of games, the club prize was won by Mrs. L. J. Christen, an exquisite boudoir cap; the guest prize was awarded to Mrs. W. N. Young, a cut-glass bonbon dish. A daintily served two-course luncheon was enjoyed at the conclusion of the games. Those present were: Club members—Mesdames L. J. Christen, M. T. Cogley, H. W. Greer, A. Huberich, J. S. Penn, Geo. C. Woodman; Guests—Mrs. W. N. Young, J. B. Morton, C. M. Fish, A. E. Younkin, Hal Irby Greer, Katherine Field Tarver and the hostess

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Miss Miriam Werner was hostess to a most attractive informal dancing party on Saturday evening, complimenting the members of the Sextette and Light Brigade Clubs. A most enjoyable evening was passed, and dainty refreshments were enjoyed. The table was most appropriately decorated in the Washington colors, and the centerpiece was a miniature cherry tree decked in tiny hatchets and flags. The place favors were tiny sprays of cherries tied with red, white and blue ribbons for the young ladies and miniature hatchets for the young gentlemen. The color scheme was carried out in the refreshments, the individual cakes were ornamented with cherries and bands of tricolor ribbon. Those to enjoy the hospitality of the evening were: Misses Lurline Davis, Irene Moser, Ruth Scratchey, Maxime Taylor, Courtney Slaughter; Messrs. Tom Nye, Claude Bigden, Aaron Moser, Henry Burr, George Hodges, Thomas Mussett, Randall Nye and the hostess. This club will only hold their meetings every two weeks hereafter instead of weekly.

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Dance.

The hop given at Fort McIntosh on Saturday evening was a most delightful affair. Those present were: Col. and Mrs. Robt. Brown, Capt. and Mrs. Sirmyer, Capt. and Mrs. Rucker, Capt. and Mrs. Loeb, Capt. and Mrs. Read, Capt. and Mrs. Bell, Lieut. and Mrs. Harrell, Lieut. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fish, Mesdames Ryan and Hal Irby Greer, Misses Sidney Jackman, Clement, Alma Pierce, Dorothy Smith, Mary Sames, Marguerite Nelson, Theodora Gullette, Edna Brown, Courtney Crutchfield, Cleo Pereira, Louise Muller, Clarisse Ryan, Bailey, Ethel and Myrtle Mackin, Olive Gray; Major Switzer, Robt. Muller, Alden Muller, Prinz Buttron, Gerald Sielski, Percy Winch. Leslie Stoner, Jack Lobdell, Lieuts. Tucker, Woodruff, Zundell, Dwan, Gilbreath, Gill and Cronin.

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Paper Chase.

Fort McIntosh yesterday was the scene of one of the most enjoyable forms of entertainment ever held in Laredo, viz., a paper chase, the course covering about eight miles. The party gathered in front of the batchelors' quarters and the start was made from there, thence to the drill grounds, up the river banks, across the onion fields to the Heights. Miss Olive Gray was the lucky winner of the blue ribbon and first prize, a handsome silver-mounted riding whip; Miss Alice Gray took the red ribbon and Mrs. Moore was awarded the yellow ribbon. After the run a Dutch lunch was served at Bella Vista. Those to ride were: Mrs. Walter Moore, Misses Olive and Alice Gray, Clarisse Ryan, Dorothy Smith, Major Payne, Lieuts. Moore, Coulter, Gilbreath, Bishop, Dwan, Woodruff, Gill and Zundell.

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Supper Party.

Capt. and Mrs. Sirmyer entertained a member of their friends most delightfully on Saturday evening after the hop, with a Dutch supper. Those who enjoyed the hospitality of the evening were: Mrs. Sidney Jackman of San Marcos, Misses Alma Pierce, Dorothy Smith, Marguerite Nelson, Theodora Guilette, Courtney Crutchfield, Clarisse Ryan, Bailey, Ethel and Myrtle Mackin, Cleo Pereira, and Olive Gray; Robt. Muller, Alden Muller, Jack Lobdell, Prinz Buttron, Leslie Stoner, Gerald Sielski, Percy Winch, Lieuts. Woodruff, Zundel, Dwan, Cronin, the hosts and others.

MIRKO OF MONTENEGRO



Prince Mirko of Montenegro is supposed to be in the hands of the Austrians and it is reported that, as he has had leanings toward the Teuton cause, he will be made king of a reorganized Montenegro.

Send In Your Old Rags.

Wash all the old rags you have about the house and bring them to The Times office and turn them into money. We pay three cents per pound for clean soft rags. 10-4-tf

TIMES WANT ADS.

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RUSSIANS SEEM TO BE GAINING OVER THE TURKS AND ALLIES ARE MUCH ENCOURAGED

Russian Thrust toward the Bagdad Railway Points toward Co-operation with the British to Capture Bagdad—Turks Reported Falling Back and Russians Threaten to Cut Them Off Along the Inland Sea.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 21.—The rapid advance of the Russians in Turkish Armenia complicates the Turks' efforts to reform their forces. The position of the Turks appears perilious. The Russians are trying to cut off the Turks operating along the Black Sea. The Russian thrust toward the Bagdad railway is important, as it points toward co-operation with the British to capture Bagdad. Premier Asquith today asked parliament for a vote of credit aggregating 420,000,000 pounds sterling to finance the war to the end of the current fiscal year. A Petrograd despatch says the Russians occupy the entire Lake Van district and that the Turks are evacuating Bitlis. Berlin reports a repulse of the British on the Yser canal.

Calling Young Recruits.

London, Feb. 21.—The youngest recruits under the military service act are called to the colors before March 31 in a royal proclamation issued today. They are single men about 19 years old. The present summons contemplates calling single men.

Probing Lincoln's Escape.

New York, Feb. 21.—Agents of the department of justice are investigating the escape of Ignatius T. Lincoln, who was recaptured Saturday, and arrests may follow if it is found that Lincoln was aided by persons who were cognizant of the fact that he was a fugitive from justice. The federal circuit court of appeals is now to decide if Lincoln may be extradited to England on the forgery charge, which the prisoner says is trumped up, as he is "an international spy."

Vienna Promises Reply.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Ambassador Penfield today cabled that the Vienna foreign office promises a prompt reply to the American demand for an explanation of the attack on the tanker Petrolite.

Germany and the Appam.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The German embassy contends to the state department that treaties bar admiralty proceedings against the captured British liner Appam.

NEW ARMY BILL WAS CONSIDERED TODAY

CALLS FOR FEDERALIZING NATIONAL GUARD, INCREASING REGULAR ARMY AND OTHER CHANGES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—A new army reorganization bill, federalizing the National Guard, increasing the regular army to 134,000, doubling the field artillery, adding fifteen companies to the Engineer Corps, creating four squadrons of air craft and an entirely new corps of cadets from colleges having military training, was agreed on tentatively today by the house military committee.

HELD UP CORPORATION TAX.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court today held up the corporation tax on mining companies.

JEES NOT TOO SICK.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Jess Willard's manager announced today that Jess is not too sick to meet Moran in New York March 25.

OKLAHOMAN SUGGESTED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Oklahoma congressional delegation today suggested that former Associate Justice Bierer of the Oklahoma supreme court be appointed to the court of claims. President Wilson promised to consider this carefully.

ANSWERED ROOT'S ATTACK

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate today voted to ask the president to submit the United States correspondence with Korea when Japan occupied Korea during the Russo-Japanese war. This is to answer Senator Elihu Root's attack on President Wilson for not protesting against the occupation of Belgium.

DIDN'T LIKE PAINTING.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—An unfeeling court-martial board on the U. S. S. florida, not reverencin gart, has sentenced Private Michael Angello, of the United States Marine Corps, to a bad conduct discharge for "cutting up" and "painting the town red" while on shore leave. Those members of the Marine Corps who misbehave while on liberty must leave the service, the board decided, and no allowance was made for Michael Angello's artistic temperament.

NEW YORK HEALTH BOARD INVADES CLUBS TO FIGHT RUM.

New York, Feb. 21.—Booze emporiums, from the shabbiest dive in the slums to the most exclusive club in Fifth Avenue, were invaded today by the sanitary inspectors of the Department of Health. The city's health squad, under the leadership of Commissioner Emerson, began today the campaign against rum, and screaming cartoons and other arguments against alcohol were served before the bleary eyes of wealth and fashion as well before the down-and-outs who were spending their last nickel for a "bucket of suds" on the East Side.

The sanitary inspectors were merciless. No club was immune from the instruction. For it has been discovered by Dr. Charles F. Molduan, director of the Bureau of Public Health Education that alcohol is alcohol, wherever it is found. It is all "booze" to him, and is as harmful in the exclusive club, he says, as it is elsewhere.

Tomorrow the patrons of moving picture houses will see on the screens before them the pictures which the Health Board has had prepared, to demonstrate the depredations af alcohol. And the slides wil carry these words: "The intemperate use of alcohol is filling our asylums, hospitals, homes, and jails."

Just Received.

A lot more Mazda-shaped Lamps of 25 and 40 watts.

Five for $1.00.

Laredo Elec. & Telephone Supply Co.
Royal Theatre Building.
2-18-tf.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

FOUR STEAMERS WORKING.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 21.—Four steamers are activeiy engaged in rescue work along the Mississippi where the levees broke and thousands are marooned at Newellton. The refugees are taken to Natchez, Miss.

GOVERNMENT GIVES FIRST PUBLIC VIEW OF RADIUM.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Radium, the most valuable element of the present day, at the "Safety First" Exposition which opened today at the New National Museum. Owing to the universal interest in radium and its use in the cure of certain types of cancer, Van H. Manning, director of the Bureau of Mines, arranged with the Denver laboratory for the use of a sufficient quantity in the exhibit so that the pubic would get its first free view of the wonderful substance.

Today is "Interior Department Day" at the exposition, and Secretary ane will be the speaker this evening. The exposition was formally opened at nine this morning. From 1 to 4 each afternoon, moving pictures and lectures on the government's activities in saving life and health are on the programme.

GRAND JURY HEARS STORY OF TRIPLE MURDER.

Kingston, R. I., Feb. 21.—The triple murder in the old Kingston railway station, which is Rhode Island's latest crime mystery, will be considered by the Grand Jury, which sits here today. James R. Mellow, 32, who who gave himself up to the police after the tragedy, is the man accused by the police, and the detectives have been running down various clues during the past week.

Mellow has confessed that he killed William Rhodes, the negro who was found dead with Oscar and Gustave Olsen, brothers, in the old railroad station two weeks ago. He claims his act was in self-defense, and was committed after the negro had murdered the Olsen brothers. The police claim there are discrepancies in the various versions he has told.

Several Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere. *

CHILD LABOR LAW ATTACKED TODAY

MEMBER OF MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION SAYS IT IS ASSUMPTION OF STATE RIGHTS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—James Emery of the National Association of Manufacturers today before the interstate commerce commission attacked the Keating-Owens child labor bill as "an unconstitutional assumption of state rights."

MUST DIVIDE THROUGH RATES.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court today upheld the interstate commerce commission's ruling requiring trunk line railroads and tap lines reaching the yellow pine lumber districts to divide the through rate on the basis of the mileage hauled over the tap lines.

DUGHTER OF VETERAN DEAD.

By Associated Press.

New Waverly, Texas, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary Martin Elmore Scott, daughter of Gen. John Archer Elmore of the revolutionary war, died today.

INNES EXTRADITION UPHELD.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The supreme court today affirmed the Texas courts which held that Victor Innes and wife are extraditable to Georgia from Texas, where they were held for murder.

LASSEN AGAIN ACTIVE.

By Associated Press.

Redding, Calif., Feb. 21.—Lassen peak is again showing signs of activity and the crater is emitting smoke and steam in a mild eruption.

WAHAII'S CARNIVAL WEEK.

Honolulu, Feb. 21.—The eleventh annual mid-Pacific carnival of the Hawwaiian Islands opened here today. The principal event is set for tomorrow, in honor of Washington's birthday, when a parade of nearly ten thousand United States soldiers and sailors will take place. Ancient Hawaiian history will be revealed by pageants undertaken by the natives, while the Japanese, Koreans and Filipinos will also present spectacles based on events in their own lands.

NOVA SCOTIA COUNTIES VOTE ON RUM.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 21.—The County of Queens is voting today on the prohibition question, and the County of Sherbourne will vote on the questino next Thursday. With the exeption of the city of Halifax, Nova is now practically all under the opration of the provincial Prohibition Act, or adopting the voters have the option of adhering to the old Scott Act, or adopting the next act.

OSBORNE FIGHTS PERJURY CHARGE.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Thomas Mott Osborne, former Warden of Sing Sing Prison, will be tried today on the indictments round against him by the Grand Jury, charging perjury. The perjury charge is based on the allegation that he denied to Dr. Diedling, sitting as a Prison Commissioner, that there were cases of immorality in the prison, whereas twenty one indictments were later found against convicts in the prison. It is the contention of the former warden that he said there were no cases of immorality then in the prison court, the discrepancy, according to the defense, being due to a stenographer's error, it will be asserted.

HEARING ON FRISCO ROAD REORGANIZATION.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 21.—The postponed hearing of the re-organization plans of the Frisco railroad takes place today. B. F. Yoacum and Sam Lazarus are opposing the re-organization plans.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

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TAKING A DAY OFF.

The Times announces, without any apology, that it will not issue tomorrow. We believe that no apology is needed for the reason that our fellow townsmen understand the situation better than we can state it.

Last year we inaugurated the custom of suspending publication on Washington's Birthday, and the innovation was appreciated by our subscribers. During the many years of the celebration the Times force has ben obliged to work harder than ever, not only for the sake of getting out a regular issue, but to perform all the duties incumbent upon them in helping to make the celebration a success.

With the many distractions of the day to interfere with regular work, it has been found impossible to get out a satisfactory paper and at the same time exercise the hospitality which is incumbent upon all citizens of Laredo at this time.

With the exception of the restaurant and hotels, the refreshment stands and the railway depots, The Times has been the only business concern in Laredo that has carried on its regular affairs on Washington's Birthday, and we feel it only just to our patrons, as well as ourselves, to close up for one day, at least, and help entertain the city's guests.

Our readers will not miss the one issue in the multifarious activities of the day, while they will get a better report of the celebration in our succeeding issue. The printers, as well as the editorial staff, will be in better shape to handle the report after a day of relaxation.

During the years that The Times has served the people of the Laredo section, there have been few vacations for the working force. It is true that we never issue a paper on Christmas, but that is the only working day in the year that we have missed, with the exception of last year.

The Times has been growing with the city. Our capacity for giving the people the news, all the news and only the news, has increased with the years of hard work and earnest endeavor, and we feel that our patrons are willing to pardon our "taking a day off" on this occasion.

Yet if it was felt that the suspension for this one day were to inflict a hardship upon our readers, we should be willing to work harder than ever to get out the paper without a stop. Our readers, we believe, acknowledge that we have never been derelict in our duty to them and to the city.

Wednesday's issue will contain a full and complete report of what was done on Washington's Birthday. It will be better for the rest, because the work will not be performed by exhausted and hurried men, anxious to do their work while desirous of seeing something of the day's activities. It will be deliberate and painstaking, without omitting anything which our facilities will enable us to give our readers.

Washington's Birthday is peculiarly a Laredo festival. It was adopted the year following the Spanish-American war as the one day calculated to arouse the patriotism of all American citizens and to teach the foreign element among us the lessons of Americanism.

It comes at a time when few cities in the United States are able to have an outdoor pageant. Our climate permits us to make a great holiday at this time, without fear that our visitors will be longing for the warmth and comfort of a heated room, instead of enjoying the great outdoors.

Each year the celebration has grown, until now our visitors are numbered by the thousands, and there has never been any untoward event to mar the pleasure of the celebration.

In past years The Times office has been a great center of hospitality, and the hundreds of visitors who have made their headquarters here will appreciate the fact of our suspension of publication for one day in order that we may tender them the courtesies that a busy newspaper office has not the time to offer.

We hope that the readers of The Times will understand our position for this one day in the year, and we promise to give them no occasion to regret that we have no issue tomorrow.

MORE DIFFICULTIES.

No sooner does one difficulty arising from the European war appear to be in process of arrangement than another crops up. First it is the German submarine warfare, then the British interference with our cargo carriers, and now comes the news that an English auxiliary cruiser has stopped an American liner en route from Shanghai to San Francisco and taken thirty-eight Germans from her.

There is nothing to indicate that the Germans were connected with the military or naval service of their country. They were proceeding from one neutral port to another, aboard a neutral ship flying the American flag.

It is such lawless proceedings as this that tend to alienate the friendship of the Americans for the British, especially as Great Britain needs our friendship in the present crisis.

For many years England's proclaimed supremacy of the sea has been the pretext for many high-handed acts which have not tended to gain the friendship of other nations. It is the insolence of the British attitude that more than anything else caused the feeling of hatred for that is expressed by the Germans.

It was the same insolence which brought about the war of 1812, and it was believed that the lessons learned in that war, as well as the successful outcome of the claims made by England when Mason and Slidell were taken from a British ship during the civil war, would prevent any more such outrages on our flag.

Only a few months ago the French committed the same abuse of neutrality in forcibly taking some Germans from a ship flying the American flag, and the outcome of that case was that the prisoners were restored to liberty after the French government had properly apologized to our authorities.

With England's treatment of the German civilians whom she has interned in England and Canada we have nothing to do, but we must naturally protest against any insult to our flag such as is contained in the stopping of an American vessel on the high seas and and removing passengers therefrom.

Great Britain has a number of auxiliary cruisers in active service. Some of them are commanded by naval officers, while others are in command of merchant marine officers who hold rank in the Royal Naval Reserve—in other words, volunteer naval officers.

It may have been that the officer in command of the British ship that stopped the American steamer and forcibly removed the Germans was of the latter rank. It certainly seems that no officer of the British navy would have been guilty of such a gross breach of international law at a time when the relations of all the belligerents with this country are so delicate.

We may look for a prompt disclaimer of the action of the British commander as soon as our state department can get in communication with the British foreign office. So far as known, there has been no complaint from the owners of the ship, as it will take nearly three weeks longer for the vessel to reach her destination.

It would appear to be the height of discretion for all commanders of ships flying the flags of the belligerents to refrain from any acts that aer calculated to disturb peaceful relations. There are many questions now pending that will require the best efforts of the diplomats to disentangle, and to add others to the already large list would seem foolish.

What can be gainned by the arrest and detention of a few German civilians who were sailing for the United States is not clear. Had they reached their destination they probably would not have been any great menace to Great Britain or her allies, and there would seem to be no reason for the violation of our neutrality merely to capture a few more German prisoners.

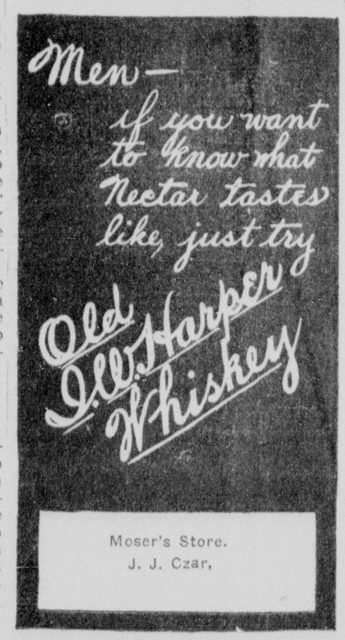
The act lends some color to the charges of the Germans that the English are ready to provoke our wrath by unwarranted acts against our neutrality, while the British statesmen are trying their best to solve the problems already in hand.

The Oklahoma legislators used inkstands and books as missiles to enforce their arguments in a debate on the election laws. If anything would demonstrate a man's unfitness for debate, it would be the resort to violence to prove an argument.

The International Harvester company denies that it combined to monopolize the sisal trade. And even if it did, what did the New Orleans combine d oto get the monopoly from the Carranza government?

An American factory making munitions and a dye plant owned by Germans operated in New Jersey were both destroyed by fire the same night. Looks ilke a saw-off, without either party getting into the king row.

The Germans are said to be planning an important military movement on the western front. Pshaw! They planned a bigger movement than any other when they tried to capture Paris and failed.



ORDERED TO LEAVE MEXICO

Because He Interceded in Behalf of a Spanish Priest Who Was Unjustly Given Eviction Measure.

Because he had interceded in behalf of a countryman Roman Catholic priest who through no just cause had been ordered to leave Mexico at once, Spanish Consul Leguira, a friend of the Americans in Monterey and who looked after the affairs of the consulate there when the American consul was unable to do so, has been compelled to leave Mexico. Consul Leguira arrived in Laredo last night and will remain here pending an adjustment of the affairs.

After the Spanish priest had been ordered to leave Mexico Mr. Leguira, who was Spanish consul at Monterey, protested to the Monterey authorities, but received no satisfaction. Then he took the matter up directly with First Chief Carranza, and from that high official came the curt and insolent reply that Leguira himself would be given 24 hours to get out of Mexico. Mr. Leguira understood what that order meant and he took the next train out of Monterey, leaving there on Sunday morning and arriving in Nuevo Laredo last night and coming to this side without any further delay.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cannel Coal Company will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,
Secretary.
Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1916.
2-2-30t.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN,
City Tax Assessor.
1-21-30t.

Christening.

Chester Congdon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Biggio was christened at St. Peter's church at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The god-parents were: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Christen.

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle to-day. All Druggists.

PICKED UP IN PASSING.

Patience—Did you notice how high she held her nose up when she passed in her automobile?

Patrice—Sure; she was sitting right over the gasoline tank.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Oh, no!" soliloquized Johnny bitterly, "there ain't any favorite in this family. Oh, no! If I bite my finger nails I get a rap over the knuckles, but if the baby eats his whole foot they think it's cute."—Ladies Home Jounral.

"Another new hat. You should really save your money, with the price of everything going up."

"But why? The longer I save it the less I can buy with it."—Passing Show.

"Was your vacation a success,"
"I'm afraid not."
"What happened?"
"I got back home with $2,"—Bitmingham Age-Herald.

"There are two sorts of patriots, my boy."
"Yes, pa."
"One believes in getting his country out of trouble, and the other believes first in keeping it out of trouble."—Detroit Free Press.

The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.

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HORLICK'S
THE ORIGINAL
MALTED MILK
Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

SEVERE PUNISHMENT

Of Mrs. Chappell, of Five Years' Standing, Relieved by Cardui.

Mt. Airy, N. C.—Mrs. Sarah M. Chappell of this town, says: "I sufferred for five years with womanly troubles, also stomach troubles, and my punishment was more than any one could tell.

I tried most every kind of medicine, but none did me any good.

I read one day about Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I decided to try it. I had not taken but about six bottles until I was almost cured. It did me more good than all the other medicines I had tried, put together.

My friends began asking me why I looked so well, and I told them about Cardui. Several are now taking it."

Do you, lady reader, suffer from any of the ailments due to womanly trouble, such as headache, backache, sideache, sleeplessness, and that everlastingly tired feeling?

If so, let us urge you to give Cardui a trial. We feel confident it will help you, just as it has a million other women in the past half century.

Begin taking Cardui to-day. You won't regret it. All druggists.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for *Special Instructions* on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," in plain wrapper. H.C. 124

Never Miss a Celebration.

Mr. Claude V. Holland of the San Antonio Express and Mr. Geo. D. Armistead, postmaster of San Antonio are here again and were among the first of the visitors to arrive for the celebration. Mr. Holland and Mr. Amistead have not missed a Washington Birthday celebration in Laredo in several years and they say they do not intend to miss one in the future if they can possibly get here. Both have a great many friends in Laredo and all during their visits they are getting busy receiving the glad hand of welcome.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Ry. will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,
Secretary.
Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1916.
2-2-30t.

DANGERS OF A COLD.

Laredo People Will Do Well to Heed Them.

Many bad cases of kidney trouble result from a cold or chill. Congested kidney fail behind in filtering the poison-laden blood and backache, headache, dizziness and disordered kidney action follow. Don't neglect a cold. Use Doan's Kidney Pills at the first sign of kidney trouble. Follow this Laredo resident's example.

W. S. Durborow, 1717 Hidalgo St., Laredo, says: "I had occasional pains through my back, so that it hurt me to stoop. The trouble I think was brought on by catching cold. I couldn't sit in one position for any length of time without great pain. When one of these attcks comes on, I always use Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Ideal Drug Store, and they never fail to remove the trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Durborow had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

THIS IS MY 65th BIRTHDAY

HON. THOMAS STERLING.

Hon. Thomas Sterling, United States Senator from South Dakota, is 65 years old today. He is a noted lawyer and educator in his home state, and sat in the first legislature of South Dakota. From Illinois he went out into the Dakotas in the '80s, when they were being developed, and he has grown up with the setion, becoming a valuable leader through his training in Illinois. Senator Sterling was born on a farm near Amanda, Fairfield County, O., Feb. 21, 1851. In childhood he was taken by his paretns to Illinois. He grew up in McLean County, and was graduated at Illinois Wesleyan University. He became a school teacher, and made such headway in this profession that he was superintendent of schools at Bement, Ill., He studied law at Springfield, Ill., the old home of Abraham Lincoln, and became city attorney for that city. In 1882 he pulled up stakes and settled in Spink County, South Dakota. He was a member of the constitutional convention of South Dakota in 1889, and the following year sat in the Senate of the first state legislature. Senator Sterling practiced law successfully until 1901, when he was made dean of the college of law of the South Dakota State University. He was urged to run for the United States Senate, and he was elected three years ago.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 21

1682—Virginia printers forced to give bonds to refrain from printing the laws.
1847—American army under Gen. Zachary Taylor arrived before Buena Vista, Mexico.
1848—Died—John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, aged 81.
1871—District of Columbia made a territory.
1885—Washington Monument dedicated at Washing, D. C.
1905—Berea College, Kentucky, fined for teaching white and colored students in same school.
1909—American battleship fleet concluded its trip around the world.
1909—Riots against foreigners in Omaha; Greeks, Turks and Austrians driven from the city. Pres. Wilson has asked Congress to pay indemnity to their home countries.
1914—Prince William of Wied accepted the throne of Albania; quit soon afterward.
1915—THE WAR:
American steamship Evelyn sunk by a mine. Russia admits heavy losses in campaign in East Prussia. Artillery battles on the Western front.

Sciatica's Piercing Pain.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c. at all Druggists.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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CURIOS AND SOUVENIRS

Fine Mexican Drawn Linens
Table Cloths, Center Pieces, Scarfs, Doilies, Handkerchiefs.

Mexican Wheel Lace Work
Center Pieces, Doilies, Insertion.

Hand Woven Mexican Zarapes
Rugs, Portierres, Couch Covers, Table Covers.

Mexican Hand-Carved Leather Work
Coin Purses, Bill Books, etc.

Hand Colored Air Brush Work
HANGERS AND PILLOWS
INDIAN HEADS, BULL FIGHTS, ETC.
INDIAN MOCCASINS

Genuine Mexican Opals
Aztec Feather Cards, Turquoise Jewelry
Silk Flags--Mexican, American

SONORA NEWS CO.
Hamilton Hotel

INCOMING TRAIN LOADED WITH VISITORS TO LAREDO

OVER TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ROLLED IN YESTERDAY.

Trains Today Also Bringing Large Crowds, But With All This Visitors Secure Accommodations.

The invasion of the city of Laredo by hordes of visitors from all directions anxious to participae in the festivities in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington began early yesterday morning. The morning train over the International & Great Northern road arriving here at 7:15 brought ten carloads of excursionists, or a total of about 600. The afternoon I. & G. N. brought about 700 more, while the Texas-Mexican train yesterday afternoon from Corpus Christi and intermediate points brought fully 800 excursionists. Among those arriving on the afternoon I. & G. N. yesterday were the members of the San Marcos and Taylor reel racing teams, who will participate in the firemen's tournament in front of the federal building tomorrow afternoon beginning promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

The celerity with which the accommodation committee took care of all visitors needing accommodations was astonishing. As soon as the trains arrived there were a number of people wandering about the streets for a few minutes, but they were directed to the city hall, where the accommodation committee has headquarters, and they no sooner went there than they were taken to commodious and comfortable quarters in some part of the city. With over 2,000 visitors arriving during the day on Sunday, not a one of them was lacking accommodations so far as sleeping quarters were concerned last night.

As soon as many of the new arrivals had gone to their rooms and washed up and made their "twilight" they got into the crowds on the streets and by nightfall Laredo presented a lively scene—Flores Avenue looked like Broadway on a busy day. Last night the picture shows were packed to their utmost capacities, the carnival grounds were thronged with a jostling, jesting crowd, the Martin Plaza, where the Ninth Infantry Band was rendering a concert, had its walks filled with the irresistible promenaders, and so the visitors, operating on the principle of "monkey see, monkey do," got into the line of "millers" and drilled around the plaza until their tootsies were really sore. It was a crowd that was dominated with the holiday spirit, and this sentiment appeared rampant on every hand. Notwithstanding this is the celebration of the birthday anniversary of the greatest of Americans, visitors will be given an opportunity to see for themselves how Mexicans and Americans vie with each other in a most friendly manner, one to outdo the other in things that will contribute to the making of a grand success of Laredo's annual celebrations.

Fresh Crushed Fruits and Syrups.

We have just received a supply of fresh crushed fruits and syrups from J. Hunkleford Smith, Rochester, N. Y., for our soda fountain. It is the best obtainable. Fountain in charge of competent dispensers. A trial will convince you.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY.
2-15-6t.

MEALS SERVED AT CONVENT

The Sisters of Ursuline Convent Are Serving Meals for the Public During Celebration.

In order to help in taking care of the many visitors that have come here for the celebration and at the same time to acquire a little extra money that is badly needed by the Convent, the Mother and Sisters of the Ursuline Convent are serving meals at the Convent and will continue doing so through the celebration days and they respectfully solicit the patronage of the visitors and also the people of Laredo.

Rr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Honey soothes the irritation, Pine-Tar cuts the phlegm, thus relieving congestion. Pine Tar also acts as an antiseptic, as a result general relief follows. Breathing becomes easier and further inflammation is arrested. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is an ideal treatment. Price 25c.

A Card.

We the undersigned as a committee appointed by the patrons of Public School No. 1, Webb County, at Dolores, Texas, extend to the teachers, Misses Hannah and Dorothy Davies and Miss Estella Garza our congratulations for the enjoyable entertainment given by them and pupils on the evening of February 18th, and assure them that we appreciate the time and labor they gave to make it the success that it was.

M. G. DELLING,
DR. A. T. COOK,
R. E. COTTINGHAM,
Committee.

Something Good.

Those who hate nasty medicine should try Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation. They are pleasant to take and their effect is so agreeable and so natural that you will not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. Obtainable everywhere.

Will Not Act Tomorrow.

Altho' the ladies of the two Civic Clubs will not act as conductors on street cars on twenty-second, they will benefit by the receipts. So ride on these cars tomorrow. The ladies will act as conductors on the day new cars are put in operation.

QUEEN CORONATION BALL TO OCCUR TOMORROW NIGHT

EVENT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

Miss Maude Bigden, the Outgoing Queen, Will Place Coronet on Head of Her Successor; Grand Ball.

Tomorrow evening beginning promptly at 8:45 o'clock, in the Elks Hall, will take place the coronation of Miss Estelle Moser as Queen of the Laredo Fire Department. The coronation ceremonies, impressive and simple, will be in charge of Mesdames J. A. MacDonald and J. T. Halsell, while the crowning of the new queen will be done by Miss Maude Bigden, the outgoing fire queen.

Professor Villar will play the coronation march and the following members of the queen's court besides the queen and retiring queen will participate: Miss Marguerite Nelson, maid of honor; Miss Josephine Staben, sponsor Laredo Racing Team; Miss Lilian Westbrook, sponsor Laredo Paris Rule Team; Miss Anita Sharkey, sponsor Heights Chemical Co.; Miss Estelle Eistetter, sponsor Hook and Ladder Co.; Miss Courtney Crutchfield, sponsor Rescue Hose Co. No. 3; Miss Alice Denike, sponsor Protection Hose Co. No. 4.

Immediately following the coronation, or precisely at 9 o'clock, the grand march of the coronation ball will start, led by the fire queen and her escort, and followed by the members of the court and escorts and a long line of firemen and citizens generally. Besides members of the fire departments, both local and visiting, the officers and ladies of the military commands stationed here, there will be numerous other guests at the firemen's coronation ball, many personal invitations having been given.

Zapata County Abstract Co.

We can furnish an abstract to date of all lands in Zapata county; either in skeleton or full copy. Charges reasonable.

Address:—Jose B. Garcia, county clerk, Zapata county, Texas.

1-29-tf.

INJUNCTION WAS MODIFIED

Judge Mullally Accedes to Application Made by Street Railway and Modifies Restraining Order.

T. C. Mann, attorney for the Laredo Electric & Street Railway Co., returned from Carrizo Springs on Saturday afternoon, having gone there to consult with District Judge Mullally relative to a modification of the injunction order which had been issued several days ago stopping the street car track work on portions of Lincoln street.

The injunction as granted several days ago was modified Saturday by Judge Mullally and the restraining order is temporarily modified so that work on the street car line on Lincoln street can proceed temporarily.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Card of Thanks.

By this means we wish to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the many kind people of Laredo for their assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved little daughter, Daisy; and especially to the members of the Eastern Star and the congregation of the Christian church and Chaplain Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Potts.

A Sluggish Liver Needs Attention.

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Po-Do-Lax. Fine for the stomach too. Stops the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clears the blood. Only 50c. at your Druggist.

A Handsome Automobile.

One of the finest automobiles that has ever been brought to Laredo arrived yesterday. It is a Packard Twin Six and belongs to Mr. Amador E. Garcia. The car was brought down from San Antonio by J. F. Alexander of the Citizens Auto Co. He was accompanied on the trip by Mr. Geo. W. Brown. They made the run from San Antonio here in four hours and thirty-five minutes. This is the best time that has ever been made over this road.

Postoffice Notice.

Postmaster Worsham announces that in order to give the employes of the postoffice a holiday tomorrow there will be no deliveries or collections by the carriers and only mail deposited at the postoffice proper will be dispatched and the general delivery windows will be open for one hour after the distribution of arriving mails.

BELL-ANS
Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

From Wednesday's Daily.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE BECOMES STRONG

CLAIM TO HAVE MADE IMPORTANT BREACHES IN THE FRENCH LINES WITH GREAT GAINS.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 23.—Foreign Minister Sazonoff in a speech opening the Russian duma said that Russia's friendship for Sweden is sincere and that she is looking for an outlet to the sea in "quite another direction." The German western offensive is again attracting attention. It has resulted in what appears important breaches in the French lines in Artois. Vice Admiral Reinhardt Scheer has been appointed chief of the German battle fleet, Admiral von Pohl resigning because of ill health. The Germans announce important gains in Alsace and also at Woevre, where two miles were gained and 3,000 prisoners taken.

Minister of Blockade.

London, Feb. 23.—Lord Robert Cecil attended the first cabinet meeting today in his new capacity of minister of blockade.

Fighting With Great Violence.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Fighting of great violence is progressing from the right bank of the Meuse to southeast of the Herbe forest, the war office announced today. An infantry action on a front of ten miles by the French was partly successful. It looks like a great German offensive in the west.

Wilson Opposes Action.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Congress said today there was little chance of passing the Gore resolution to warn Americans off belligerent merchantmen. Prseident Wilson is unchanged in his opposition to such action.

GRAFT CHARGES ARE EXCITING CHICAGO

WOMAN EMPLOYE OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT CHARGES THAT WOMAN CHIEF DEMANDED DIVVY.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—An examination was ordered today of the payroll of the public welfare department in the investigation of the graft charges of Mrs. Page Waller Eaton against Mrs. Louis Osborne Rowe, the department superintendent. Mrs. Eaton charges that she was compelled to pay a part of her salary for the relief of Mayor Thompson's sister-in-law and that Mrs. Rowe proposed carrying a dummy stenographer in order to split the salary.

COMMUTED NEGRO'S SENTENCE.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson today commuted to expire immediately the life sentence of Wm. R. Laughton, a negro convicted in McAlester, Okla., in 1904 for murder. Investigation raised doubts of the evidence.

OKLAHOMA MAN WAS DECLARED GUILTY

SHOT SALOON MAN IN PHILADELPHIA AND JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—John F. Anderson of Ardmore, Okla., who shot and killed James P. Campbell in his saloon here September 25 last, was today found guilty of manslaughter in the criminal court. Anderson's father, a wealthy banker in Ardmore, broke down when the verdict was announced. A motion for a new trial was made. The state charged that the motive for the killing was robbery. The defense claimed that Anderson was irresponsible. The judge in his charge told the jury that the robbery theory was not sustained.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—Louis Bianchetti, former chef of the Cleveland Athletic Club, was placed on trial today for the murder of Dolores Evans, a 19-year old actress who was strangled to death in a hotel to death last January.

DEATH LIST IS TEN.

By Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23.—The death list of the New Haven passenger train's wreck yesterday was increased to ten this morning when an injured man died. The coroner has opened an inquest to determine the cause. Word from Washington says that a federal investigation probably will be held.

CITIZENS OF LAREDO HONOR THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY WITH A CELEBRATION PROGRAM REPLETE WITH INTEREST

Grand Patriotic Display Marks the Gorgeous Street Pageant in the Forenoon; in Afternoon Laredo Racing Team Demonstrated Its Ability to Best Visiting Teams and Lowered a State Record; Last Night Fireboys Crowned Their Fire Queen and Then Followed Grand Ball.

For the seventeenth consecutive year the citizenship of Laredo, joined in by thousands of visitors who had reached the city on every incoming train since Sunday morning, honored the birthday anniversary of George Washington with an eclat and ostentation unsurpassed anywhere in this glorious union. Though far removed from the ackowledged center of population and being situated in the most remote part of the United States, the people of Laredo, with a true show of patriotism and unquestioned loyalty to the "first president," yesterday perpetuated his memory in a manner that was both commendable and praiseworthy. Weeks and weeks of preparation had marked the work that yesterday brought about the fulfillment of the anticipations of the most pronounced optimists and it was with a full sense of work well done and a feeling of pride that Laredo people welcomed the visitors and announced the program of festivities that had been arranged. But Laredo people have become accustomed by this time to the preparation and carrying out of a program of festivities in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of Washington, for "practice makes perfect," and throughout seventeen years they have annually celebrated the event.

Seventeen years ago in January, in the lodge room of Yaqui Tribe No. 4, Improved Order of Red Men, the idea of the observance or celebration of the birthday anniversary of "the father of his country" had its inception. The Red Men lodge, being distinctly American in all that pertains to its ritual and principles, naturally honors Washington as a patron. The Laredo Red Men lodge conceived the idea that a movement should be inaugurated whereby the local lodge should annually celebrate the birthday of Washington, a resolution to that effect was offered and passed at the meeting and a committee was appointed "to arrange for a celebration to commemorate the birthday anniversary of the man who was first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen, and that we invite the outside world to assist in a celebration of this important event." The committee appointed to have entire charge of that celebration, the initial one of the kind in the history of Laredo, worked laboriously and indefatigably and an appropriate program was arranged. But when the great day of festivity came the hordes of people that were expected to make an incursion into Laredo to witness the program "were conspicuous by their absence," and the only visitors who came to attend the celebration was the great sachem of the Red Men of Texas and two other Red Men. But that was seventeen years ago, and since that time great changes have been effected and through the intervening years the celebrations are found to assume greater proportions and to have become a potent factor each year in attracting thousands of visitors to Laredo. Even the second celebration showed a pronounced difference and attracted several hundred visitors. The first few celebrations were entirely under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men lodge in this city, but within the past few years it has been an affair in which the whole populace figured and the Red Men have only contributed their part of work in making the celebration a success. During the seventeen years that these celebrations have been held in Laredo one man, Joseph Netzer, has on fourteen annual occasions filled the responsible position of chairman of the executive committee, and to his untiring efforts is attributed most of the success that has characterized the celebrations of Washington's Birthday anniversary in Laredo.

Each year on this occasion Laredo takes on gala attire and the resplendent colors of Old Glory flutter everywhere. Moreso this year than ever before are the decorations more lavish and more conspicuous than on former occasions. The myriads of small tri-colored pennants that are suspended from one side of the street to the other along the principal thoroughfares to furnish the decoration by day, while thousands of tricolored incandescent lamps furnish the illumination by night, give Laredo a pronounced and most distinctive patriotic appearance. The elaborate decorative effect on and about the city hall this year far surpasses that of any previous year. From the upper front part of the building, extending in a fan-shape manner to the opposite side of the street and toward two corners are festoonings of red, white and blue pennants, these forming a veritable bower over Flores Avenue in front of the city hall and giving the appearance as though the entire block of buildings were harnessed to the city hall by means of thousands of streamers bearing the pennants mentioned. The city hall itself is elaborately decorated, and besides being draped in numerous designs of bunting and flags, there floats from the flagpole a large flag and on each side of the upper front of the building is presented a likeness of the "first president" on one side, and the "last president" on the other. In other words, and to be more explicit, two large oil paintings four by eight feet in dimensions, adorn the front of the city hall on either side. One is the likeness of George Washington; the other is the resemblance of Woodrow Wilson.

When the multitude of Laredo people and visitors assembled in front of the building to witness the delivering of the keys of the city to Pocahontas and saw the circle of American soldiers and Red Men who attended her, the scene was made more impressive and a true patriotic spirit dominated when one's eyes furtively caught the likenesses of Washington and Wilson. And when the Ninth Infantry Band rendered the inspiring notes of "The Star Spangled Banner" the scene was made complete, there was a thrill that shot through the veins of every American who stood there and a feeling of gratitude and appreciation of having Woodrow Wilson as the worthy successor of George Washington was manifest everywhere.

Big Day of the Celebration.

Yesterday, the banner day of the celebration, dawned under most auspicious circumstances and the weather was most ideal for the numerous festivities planned for the day. At daybreak thousands of people were up and on the go and the streets were thronged with a moving mass of humanity, all anxious to get an early breakfast and be in line for the first feature of the day's many events. Every visitor in Laredo found accommodation at some of the hotels, restaurants, boarding houses or lunch stands, and as far as the Times can learn all had their appetites appeased summarily. Early morning found three or four bands rendering music and martial strains floated on the air. Later these musical organizations were assembled about the market plaza, where the first feature of the day's many events were scheduled to take place —the attack on the city hall and the surrender of the keys to Pocahontas by Mayor McComb.

Surrender of Keys to Pocahontas.

At about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning the Ninth Infantry regiment, in command of Colonel C. J. Crane, who was accompanied by his staff and the Ninth Infantry Band, arrived at the Market Plaza and the military immediately formed a cordon about the place. Besides the Ninth Infantry Band, the Third Field Artillery Band was stationed a short distance away, and next to them was the Ozuna Brigade Military Band of Monterey. After the military had formed a cordon about the plaza and all was peace and perfect quiet reigned, a band of Indians attacked the hall, the assault being made from all directions and a battle royal ensuing between soldiery and Indians, the red men finally causing the troops to capitulate. Then as the din of battle died away Pocahontas (Miss Courtney Slaughter) riding a fine horse, approached accompanied by her maid, Miss Evelyn Rodriguez, and halted. The surrender of the city of Laredo to the Red Men was here to be depicted. City Attorney A. Winslow, on behalf of Mayor McComb, who together with the city officials were present, stepped forward and in a few choice and appropriate words, presented Pocahontas with a large gilded key, which was symbolical of the key to the city of Laredo, to the homes of its people and to the hospitality of its citizenship. Pocahontas accepted the key with a bow of courtesy and then Hon. Joe Ryan of San Antonio, a past grand officer of the Red Men of Texas, stepped forward and in a few chosen words, accepted the key on behalf of Pocahontas and expressed the felicitations of the Red Men at being possessed of such a fair and grand old city as Laredo, but that they would minister well to its wants, to its people and to its visitors and the reign of Pocahontas would be made most auspicious to all. Both Judge Winslow and Mr. Ryan, while addressing the multitudes assembled about the hall, won the undivided attention of everyone in that great crowd.

Formation of Street Parade.

While the nucleus of the parade was the cavalcade of Pocahontas and the military and bands assembled about the city hall, and they moved to their places in the line of march immediately following the attack, it was nearly mid-day before the grand street pageant started on its march to traverse the streets of the city, the delay being due to various reasons. But when it finally did get under way the procession moved in the following order:

City Marshal Brennan and members of the Laredo police force mounted.

Grand Marshal W. A. Craig.

Colonel C. J. Crane, commander of Ninth Infantry Regiment, and staff.

Ninth Infantry Regiment Band.

Ninth Infantry Regiment.

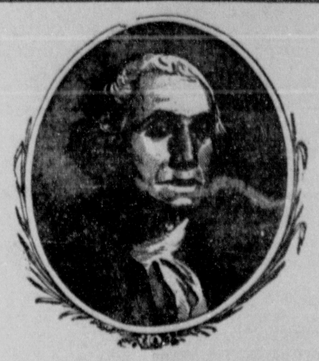
Ninth Infantry Machine Gun Platoon.

Third Field Artillery Band.

United States Signal Corps.

Battery E, Sixth Field Artillery fully equipped.

Squadron of the Fourteenth Cavalry.



The Great Man We Honor.

George Washington was born at Bridge Creek on the Potomac River, Feb. 22, 1732. At the age of 21 he was appointed an adjutant general of one of the districts of Virginia with the rank of major. At the age of 21 he was sent by Governor Dinwiddie to visit the French army in the Ohio valley on an important mission. Also at the age of 21 he was promoted to the rank of colonel.

When 27 years old he married Mrs. Martha Custis, a wealthy widow, who was the mother of two children by a former marriage. When 32 years of age he was elected a member of the house of burgesses of Virginia and served in that position until the convention at Williamsburg in 1773.

In 1774 he was sent as a delegate to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia and in 1775 was chosen commander in chief of the Continental army. He commanded the armies throughout the war for independence.

On Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned and retired to Mount Vernon, his home. In 1787 he was sent as a delegate to the national convention which framed the constitution and was chosen president of that body. He was unanimously elected President of the United States and inaugurated April 30, 1789. He was unanimously re-elected in 1793 and retired March 4, 1797. In July, 1798, he was appointed lieutenant general, but had no occasion to serve as such.

On Dec. 11, 1799, he contracted a severe illness from exposure. His physician resorted to bleeding to relieve him and on December 14 he died at his home at Mount Vernon. His name is on every state map in the union.

Seven decorated automobiles bearing military officials, United States Consul Garrett and other officials.

Ozuna Brigade Military Band of Mexico.

Pocahontas and maid followed by a cavalcade of Red Men.

Eleven beautifully decorated floats.

Laredo Fire Department apparatus decorated.

San Marcos and Taylor Racing Teams walking.

Members of four companies of Laredo Fire Department in uniform.

Woodmen of the World float.

Benito Juarez auto decorated.

Six Labor Unions of Laredo in appropriate costume.

Mexican school float.

Garcia Brass Band.

Cowboy Cavalcade, about 100 mounted cowboys.

About a dozen trades display floats.

Numerous automobiles in rear of procession.

Aides to Grand Marshal Craig had charge of divisions.

A motion picture was taken of the parade. The procession passed through a dense mass of humanity which lined the streets on both sides from the time the pageant began to move until it broke up, and those in a position to conservatively calculate placed the number of people lined along the route of march at approximately 25,000.

Beautifully Decorated Floats.

The beautifully decorated floats in the parade were the most exquisite and elaborate ever witnessed in a similar procession in Laredo and elicited much praise and commendation for Mr. Pletz, the decorator, and for Mrs. J. F. Mullally, the general chairman, and the ladies of the committee which worked so indefatigably to make this feature of the parade a brilliant success. Mrs. Mullally and her assistants devoted much time to supervising the work on the various floats and it is to them that credit is due for the beautiful ideas that were carried out in the decoration effect. The following is a short description of the various floats in line yesterday:

American Beauty Rose Float—Large float in barge design of red and gold. Decorated with American Beauty roses. Seated on the float was Miss Kathleen Feuille, dressed in appropriate costume.

Marechal Neil Rose Float—Float of fancy design in yellow and gold, with words, "Welcome to Laredo, 1916," on sides. Lavishly decorated in Marechal Neil roses. Seated on float in appropriate costume was Miss Eudelia Rodriguez.

La France Rose Float—Float in Spanish balustrade design in pink and gold and decorated with a profusion of La France roses. Occupying a seat on the float was Miss Julia Leyendecker attired in costume to match color effect of float.

Hiawatha Float—This float depicted a canoe on a lake. Standing in stern of canoe, recumbent on paddle, stood Hiawatha, represented by Victor Sauvignet in appropriate costume and makeup. Minnehaha or "Laughing Water," (represented by Mrs. Carlota Warwick,) sat in the canoe, she wearing a very attractive and typical Indian maiden costume. The canoe bow rested against a big rock in the lake and scattered about on the water surface were numerous water lilies. These lilies also ornamented the arches that formed the superstructure on the sides of the float.

Webb County Float—This beautiful float was symbolical of a spider web formed with crossed arches and interlaced with grassola and ribbons. On the float was some of the indigenous products of Webb county—huisache and cactus. Marshmallow flowers were scattered here and there on the web. Miss Anita Mullally, becomingly dressed in black and yellow, occupied a seat in the web, her head protruding therefrom.

High School "Peaches" Float—This float represented a peach orchard with aLredo "peaches" in it. There were nine beautiful High school girls, dressed in white and wearing pink hats, seated beneath nine peach trees in full bloom. The young ladies on the float were Misses Irene Moser, Anita Sharkey, Rowena Loftus, Alice Adami, Kate Brennan, Amelia Merriweather, Gladys O'Brien and Mary Hall.

Springtime Float—This float was in arbor effect, with arches decorated with pink roses, vines and Fleur de Lis leaves. Sealed on the float were Miss Ola Applewhite and Chester Pickering and Miss Rudolph Kring and Leslie Stoner, all wearing seasonable attire.

Spanish Cavalier Float—This float represented a Spanish garden scene, with red and green predominating in the color effect. In the garden sat a Spanish maiden represented by Miss Teodora Sanders in an exquisite Spanish costume. The Spanish cavalier with a mandolin was represented by Julio Naranjo, Jr., appropriately costumed.

The Daisy Field Float—This float represented a field of little daisies, and in the midst of them is depicted the Duchess of the Daisies, Miss C. Leyendecker. The little daisies are all dressed in white, with hair ornaments of daisy design. They each have ribbons leading from them to their duchess, who is shown driving the daisies. The little daisies were Misses Gracia and Angelina Farias, Olivia Morton, Alice Bruni, Hortensia Leyendecker, Emily Halsell, Irene Sancheb and Mildred Leyendecker.

Butterfly Float—This float had mounted on it a large golden butterfly which was driven by a pretty young lady, Miss Ernestina Sanchez. The butterfly was 18 feet in length and had large spreading wings in irridescent coloring. On each side of the float were seated Misses Fidela Sanchez, Maria Henry, Maria and Eloisa Cardenas.

Woodmen of the World Float—Represented a widow and orphan sitting in front of a little cottage home. A sign conveyed the words, "The Woodmen of the World Take Care of These."

Laredo Team Captures Honors.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the celebration was that feature which took place on Matamoros stret in front of the federal building beginning at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon—the hose reel races between teams representing the San Marcos, Taylor and Laredo Fire Departments. These races were for cash prizes—the first, $150 and the second $100. Laredo was eliminated from contesting for the cash prizes, but competed for time only. It was decided before the races were run that the first race would be for the money and the second for time only between the three teams. The first team to run was Taylor, and a bobble at the hydrant gave them the time of 36 1-5; San Marcos made the run next and their time was 31 4-5 seconds; Laredo made the last run and their time was 30 3-5 seconds. Laredo made the best time, but San Marcos got first money and Taylor second money. In the second run Laredo broke the state record for a run on a dirt road and the excellent work of the home team caused them to be vociferously applauded. The running time of the teams in the second run was as follows: Taylor, 29 1-5 seconds; San Marcos, bust at nozzle; Laredo, 27 3-5. The judges of the races were Percy Tyrell of San Antonio, at the hydrant; C. C. Biggio, at nozzle; Justo S. Penn, starter; Harry DaCamara, Fred Gunther and Eugene Christen, timekeepers. The personnel of the Laredo team, and which will be the same to go to New Braunfels to contest for prizes with about 25 of the state's fastest teams in May, is the following: J. W. Falvella, captain; Carlos Richter, assistant captain and leader on lines with R. H. Kilsby; Charles Pierce, M. L. Wright, Claude Bigden, reel runners; Solomon C. Freed and Henry Burr, tonguemen; Frank Barthelow and Dewey Simpson, spannermen; Gus G. Schmitt, nozzleman; Will Sharkey, hydrantman; Julian Slaughter, hoseman; Hugh Maness, assistant hoseman.

During the time that the races were in progress, and in fact long before the contest began, the Ninth Infantry Band dispensed music, and after the races were over the Ozuna Brigade Military Band arrived at Jarvis Plaza and took the stand and furnished music to a large crowd until nearly dark.

Soldiers Defeat Corpus.

The Corpus Christi Base Ball team which came here to cross bats with the Ninth Infantry team in a series of three games, on Monday, Tuesday and today, are faring very badly, as the soldier boys are enjoying a slugfest each day at the expense of the boys from the seaside. The game the first day resulted by a score of 15 to 7 in favor of the Ninth Infantry, while yesterday they got away with the game by a score of 7 to 2. The final game is being played this afternoon.

Firemen's Coronation Ball.

The "crowning" event of the fireboys participation in the Washington Birthday Celebration, and which came as a brilliant finale to the firemen's festivities of the day, was the coronation ball which took place at the Elks Hall last evening. The events of the day had proven one of the most brilliant successes ever attained in Laredo—that of last night naturally had to result likewise and no obstacles could be put in the path every respect marked the coronation event. At 8:45 last evening, with only red lights burning and the hall presenting a "fire scene," the Villar orchestra played the notes of "America" to march time. Precisely at that moment Miss Maude Bigden, the outgoing queen, in full court train and with coronet on her head, entered the hall preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Esma Yates of Pearsall. They proceeded to an improvised throne in the north end of the hall and there halted, one on each side of the throne chair. Then the queen's court entered the hall, the sponsors, Misses Estelle Eistetter, Josephine Staben, Anita Sharkey, Courtney Slaughter and Alice Denike, leading, and after them came the maid of honor, Miss Marguerite Nelson, and the pretty queen, Miss Estelle Moser. The newly-chosen queen ascended the throne and her court stood to one side. The music stopped at this instance and Miss Maude Bigden, in charge of the coronation ceremonies, with slow and distinct words, crowned the new queen, her coronation address being as follows:

Coronation Address.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As the time has come when I am to abdicate the throne I have held during the past two years, and am to induct into power my worthy successor, Queen Estelle, I want to preface my remarks with a few words of thanks to the Laredo Fire Department. I have served as queen of this worthy organization for almost two years—and into that time there has been crowded many fond memories; our relations have been of a most pleasant kind. I sincerely thank you fireboys for the honor you bestowed on me, the confidence you retained in me and the harmony with which we have worked together.

"And now, Queen Estelle, of the House of Moser, I abdicate my throne and, placing upon your head the coronet symbolical of your coronation, I proclaim you Queen of the Laredo Fire Department. May your reign be one of happiness and pleasure, and when the time comes one year hence for you to perform the duty which is now incumbent on me, may you do so with a full feeling of appreciation and satisfaction that your reign has been all that you could make it. Ladies and gentlemen, I bow to the newly-crowned Queen Estelle."

The maids were dainty in pale pink organdie dresses over messaline, and carried lovely baskets of roses. The maid of honor, Miss Marguerite Nelson, wore a beautiful gown of white satin with tulle trimmings and also carried a basket of roses. All wore tulle hats. The queen, Miss Estelle Moser, came last and wore an exquisite gown of heavy white satin, with crystal head and chiffon trimmings. The court train was embroidered in crystal beads.

The coronation was witnessed by at least 300 assembled guests and firemen and immediately following this came the grand march, which was led by the new fire queen, Miss Estelle Moser, and Mr. Carlos Richter. The grand march was participated in by about a hundred couples. The ball which ensued was pronounced by all one of the social events of the season in Laredo and during the evening there were from 300 to 500 people present, among them being the officers of the three military commands stationed here and their ladies, numerous invited guests and visiting and local fireboys. The committee which had charge of this event was composed of J. W. Falvella, chairman; Carlos Richter, Joseph Moser, Alphonse Wormser and Solomon Freed. They were assisted at the coronation by Mrs. J. R. Fasnacht and Mrs. Alphonse Wormser.

PERSONALS

The many friends of J. R. Winlack will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at Mercy Hospital.

A. A. Pearce, who has been a carnival visitor to Laredo, left for his home in San Antonio this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bracht and daughter of Rockport, spent the holidays in Laredo and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lang. Mr. Bracht is Mrs. Lang's brother.

J. P. Parris, manager of the Noyes Safe and Lock Co. of Houston, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Reeves of Kingsville are in the city, the guests of Mrs. L. W. Uzzell.

J. E. Reeves is home from Mexico for a visit to his family.

Percy Tyrell, manager of the Gunter Hotel of San Antonio, was one of the prominent visitors here for the celebration.

G. A. Stowers of the Stowers Furniture Co. of San Antonio, was among the prominent visitors here for the celebration.

Chas. Eckhart of Corpus Christi is in the city on one of his regular visits.

Supt. J. M. Caballero of the National Lines of Mexico with headquarters at San Luis Potosi, arrived in Nuevo Laredo yesterday in his private car for a few days visit to relatives and friends in this city.

RELIEF WORK CONTINUED.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 23.—Relief work in the various flooded sections of Louisiana continued today. Levees protecting endangered towns are being topped and reinforced.

REPORT BLAMED BLUMING.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 23.—Fire Inspector Wilson today reported on the Mexia opera house disaster, blaming faults in the plumbing for the gas supply.

DISMISSED RECEIVER SUIT.

By Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 23.—Federal Judge Meek today dismissed the suit for a receiver for the Texas and Pacific road on the ground that the court had not jurisdiction. The case will be appealed. It never was tried on its merits.

MINOR STOCKHOLDERS CASH IN FOR CAMBRIA PROFITS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—The minor stockholders in the Cambria Steel Company get their first slice of the melon today, when they cash in their shares at $81 each, to the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, which has already secured the holding of the stockholders at the same price.

While the Cambria stock-holders are realizing good profits from their investment, the real plum has fallen to the promoters of the combination, for it is said that nearly ten millions in profits will be split up among William H. Donner, J. L. Replogle, and other financiers who secured the immense Cambria holdings of the Pennsylvania Railroad at from $50 to $60 a share.

The Midvale Steel plant has been operating at capacity for some time, largely on war orders. The acquisition of the Cambria plants places the Midvale combine on an even plane with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, as far as gross business is concerned.

It is not believed that the physical status of the Cambria Steel Company will be changed by the combination, and it will be operated as a unit of the new syndicate. One of the important phases of the sale is that it brings to the Midvale the Cambria's great holdings of ore deposits in the Northwest. It is also pointed out that the purchase affords a diversity of production which it could not otherwise obtain, except through immense expenditures for new construction which would require several years to complete.

SPORT NOTES.

Out in Pittsburg, they have the most enthusiastic Stove League in the country. The baseball nuts have gone so far as to name an annual holiday in honor of their old hero, Honus. That anniversary, which will be observed while the Stove League lasts, falls on Wagner's birthday, February 24. And you can believe there is something doing tomorrow in Pittsburg.

John Henry was the handle tacked onto the great shortstop, but as Honus he will be known to baseball fans. And it looks as if he will hold his title as the most valuable ball player that ever lived. The lanky, bow-legged Dutchman has completed twenty five years in the game, and he is as frisky as every before and as anxious as a rookie to get to those training grounds.

The exact age of Honus Wagner is 42 years. That's not old in the ordinary professions, in fact quite a youthful age. But in baseball it is beyond the retiring age, for the game calls for the speed and intense vigor of youth. The public will have speed, and no laggards. Now Honus has defied old Father Time. His muscles are as flexible as a school-boy's. That eagle eye works in the same old way at field and at bat. And so he is a fixture in baseball.

From Thursday's Daily.

WANTS A SPECIAL CODE.

The demand of Germany that we accept her contention that armed merchant ships must be regarded as ships of war, to be sunk without warning, and to be denied the privilege of trading in neutral ports, is something which we have no right to accede to.

As the Brooklyn Eagle points out, the refusal to accept this stand of Germany rests upon two broad grounds. The first is that we are asked to set aside undisputed rules and customs of international warfare at the demand of a nation which cannot carry on warfare according to established methods and therefore demands a special code in its own favor only.

The second ground is that, having announced ourselves at the beginning of the war as in favor of the arming of merchant ships, we cannot modify that attitude without becoming the partisan of one group of belligerents as against another.

In other words, to denounce the arming of merchant ships would be to relinquish our neutrality and ally ourselves on Germany's side, the same as we were asked to do by refusing to sell ammunition to the allies because Germany had no way of transporting ammunition while the allies had.

Had there been no submarine warfare, there probably would not have existed the reason for merchant ships arming. The Germans want to treat all armed merchant ships of their enemies as warships, forgetting (or ignoring)the fact that the submarines have treated the merchant vessels worse than they would dare to treat a warship.

Trusting to the lack of defensive weapons, the submarines have approached merchant vessels flying enemy flags and have sunk them without a word of warning, although this was in direct violation of the rules of international warfare which Germnay invoked as prohibiting the British blockade of Germany.

Should an armed merchant ship attack an enemy vessel it would then become in effect a warship. But if the submarine should attack first and the merchant vessel use its guns in its own defense, there could not be the claim that the merchant vessel hal violated the rules of international warfare.

One thing has been permitted by usage that would seem to be unwarrantable, and that is that a ship ordered to halt by a warship of an enemy nation may not attempt to escape without being liable to be sunk without further parley. So that if a merchant vessel is sunk without warning or while attempting to escape it is all one to the luckless crew and passengers .

Whatever the claims of the Germans as to their rights, we cannot afford to take the side of Germany in this present contention any more than we can afford to take the side of Great Britain. We must remain neutral, even though accused of siding with one side or the other while really living up to our neutral obligations.

As the Eagle points out, we some day may find ourselves at war and may have to demand of the neutral nations the same right of carrying guns for the defense of our merchant vessels. If we deny that right to any of the belligerents at the present time, we shall not be permitted the right when it happens that we need it.

And above all, we should refuse to consider the alteration or modification of any of the recognized rules of warfare at the behest of any one nation, particularly a nation that is engaged in a life or death struggle at the time the demand is made.

We have no right to violate our neutrality by recognizing a special right to one of the belligerents and refusing it to the others. And we have no right to recognize something which the other neutral nations are unwilling to concede.

In the present conflict we have only the same rights as the other neutral nations. It was for the defense of these rights which affect all the nations of the world that we demanded an explanation and a settlement of the Lusitania affair. And we are not the only nation which has rights in that case or any other arising from the war.

CHANGING TIMES.

As Gen. Leonard A. Wood says: "Everybody could use a gun in the time of George Washington, but not more than one man in a thousand knows how to use a modern rifle."

The most severe punishment the British and Hessian troops of King George received at the hands of the American colonists was from the unerring rifles of the frontiersmen with their accurate aim while fighting from the cover of stone walls or the fringe of the forest.

In those days a rifle was a bungling, clumsy thing to load; it had a flint lock which frequently failed to strike fire; it was longer and heavier than any modern weapon, and it fired a much smaller bullet than the "crown" muskets with their smooth bore. But it was accurate when held steady by a man who knew how to sight and to judge distance and wind, the hunters of that day scorning to shoot a squirrel anywhere save in the head.

Each home had one rifle, if not more, and the full equipment of powder horn, bullet pouch, bullet mold and melting pot. The sport of the youth of those days, when hunting was not possible, was firing at a mark, and the holiday sport was shooting at the head of a turkey whose body was concealed.

Snuffing candles without putting out the light was a feat that was common to many, and driving a nail into a board by striking the head with the bullet was a test of skill that was met by a great majority.

Even up to the time of our Civil War there were many thousands of marksmen, both north and south, who could equal the marksmanship of their ancestors, with the added advantage of the longer range of the more modern weapons.

With the advent some few years ago of the high power rifle came a new problem in rifle fire. Where the extreme range of the old rifles was about 1,000 yards, the new guns will kill at a distance of five miles. Naturally the human eye cannot see a mark at that distance, so that a great deal of the modern rifle fire is directed by a signal officer with the range and elevation indicated and the men do not see what they are shooting at.

A great deal has been said of the "wonderful accuracy" of the various belligerents in the trenches of the present war. But when one reads that the trenches in many instances are not more than a hundred yards apart, the marvel disappears. Indeed, our revolutionary forefathers could have shot out the eyes of their enemies at that distance.

The terrible accuracy of the modern rifle, where "pointblank" range is extended up to 600 yards—that is, the sights do not have to be raised for a distance less than that—makes it necessary for opposing forces to get under cover and to use every precaution to prevent exposing themselves to the fire of the enemy.

The great range of the weapons also makes it possible to fight at greater distances with equal if not greater effect. This makes it necessary for an entirely new form of target practice, and where our ancestors limited their range to not more than a hundred yards, the modern range is extended to over a mile.

The formation of rifle clubs all over the country betokens an aroused interest in target shooting as a form of sport that can readily be turned to account when the need comes. It is not sufficient to know how to fire a small-caliber target gun; what is needed is for the youth of the country to familiarize themselves with the modern high-power rifle, with all its deadly accuracy.

And it would seem a more manly form of diversion to familiarize one's self with the weapons that may be needed for defense of home and loved ones rather than to win the local trophy for skill at bowling or balkline billiards.

All there is to most forms of sport is the competition for supremacy. And a man should be prouder of his ability to defend his flag than he would be of the ability to knock down some lignum vitae pins by rolling a ball, even though the latter be the more fatiguing form of sport.

The new ambassador to Mexico is expected to be confirmed at once. This will greatly facilitate our correspondence with Carranza, but it will not be possible to say "the ambassador in Mexico City."

A negro who has served twelve years of a life sentence for murder in Oklahoma has been freed by President Wilson, as investigation showed that doubts existed of his guilt. Well, he served twelve years, anyhow.

Russia announces that her friendship for Sweden is sincere and she is looking for an outlet to the sea "in another direction." It probably will be in a warmer climate, too, if present reports of the fighting with Turkey are any indication.

Women in politics do not seem to be any better than the men. A woman department chief in Chicago is accused of grafting on a subordinate's salary for the aid of the mayor's sister-in-law. But it probably will be found out that she was only doing the dirty work of "THE MAN higher up."

EUGENE BREWER ARRESTED ON OLD CHARGE AGAINST HIM

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT OF ROYAL AMUSEMENT CO.

Was Alleged to Have Been Found Short in Accounts Last December, and Then Made His Getaway.

Last night about 11 o'clock just as he was leaving the Royal Opera House, where he had witnessed the minstrel performance, Eugene Brewer, former local manager of the Strand Theatre, was placed under arrest by Night Marshal Agustin Salinas and taken to the county jail, where he was locked up and is still incarcerated with charges of embezzlement pending against him.

The arrest of Brewer last night is a sequel to a little sensation that was caused in this city last December, when Brewer was relieved of the management of the Strand Theatre and the lessees instituted garnishment proceedings against him and seized funds on deposit in three banks to the credit of Brewer. At first the lessees of the Strand, the Royal Amusement Co. of San Antonio, gave Brewer an opportunity to "square things" by issuing checks for the amounts he had on deposit to cover alleged shortages in his accounts, but this Brewer refused to do, claiming that the moneys on deposit were his personal funds.

The garnishment proceedings were instituted one afternoon in December and Brewer had until 10 o'clock that night to make an adjustment of the alleged shortages in his accounts. Instead of trying to bring about an amicable settlement of the affair, Brewer left Laredo and went to Nuevo Laredo, where he remained in hiding during the night and next morning succeeded in reaching Webb, where he took train for San Antonio. In this city complaint had been made against him and a warrant charging Brewer with embezzlement was issued, but owing to the fact that he had made his getaway, it was never served until last night. As to whether or not bond will be asked or habeas corpus proceedings sought, can not be stated at this time, as up to this morning Brewer had made no move in this respect.

SNOWSTORMS DO NOT WORRY THE GERMANS



These German troops on the eastern front evidently do not mind a snowstorm, for they are enjoying their hot rations at a field kitchen. In the background are transport wagons.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Both Fists, Usually.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen are making an appeal for Irish babies. This may be necessary, but it's seldom so dark that little Mike O'Hittigin can't see to argue his own case: he first learns to place his fist in his own eye; then, to place it in the other fellow's. —Corpus Christi Caller.

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Break In and Go Broke.

"How Women Can Break into the Newspaper Game," is featured in the last issue of the Texas Journalist. The boys who have tackled the country weekly game out in the one-barber shop towns can tell you "How to go Broke in the Newspaper Game."—Daily Texan.

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Filosofical Felix.

Felix Diaz believes that nothing can be done to restore peace in Mexico until the United States mobilizes the truly great and substantial who have been exiled from that country and returns them to power, backed by the influence of the United States. Oh, you Philosophical Phelix!—Temple Telegram.

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Whole Duty of Man.

The Cleburne Review, evidently bent on summing up the whole duty of man, says: "Plant trees, pay your poll tax, join the commercial club, begin planning for a flower yard and a spring garden and boost your home town." For putting much in few words. The Review has done well. And the words fit Terrell as much as Cleburne.—Terrell Transcript.

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From Ratskin to Ranch.

An Arizona store advertises an assortment of goods in a weekly paper of that State that should satisfy a wide variety of customers. Among the things offered are tombstones, monuments and all cemetery goods, gasoline lights, perfumery, deviled ham, lumber, chili sauce, fish, kitchen cabinets, dried fruits and 100 varieties of package candy. The owner of this store could qualify as a "diversificationist."—Beaumont Enterprise.

The Arizona storekeeper could have saved space and enumeration of the great number of articles of merchandise he carries by following the example of a "Georgia Yankee" who started business in a small town not far from Augusta. His letter heads and other stationery caried this expressive and comprehensive legend: "Dealer in everything except whisky, tombstones and coffins."—Austin America.

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Devoutly to Be Hoped.

There is more agricultural land in shape to receive seed at this particular time than there has ever before been in the history of the county, according to those who have been here from twenty to fifty years. With just enough cold weather to hold off planting for a couple of weeks yet, it looks like 1916 will, in a measure, make up in bountiful crop yields what the three previous years failed to produce. So mote it be.—Wharton Spectator.

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The Turning Tide.

"If I were sitting in the United States Senate today," says Samuel Palmer Brooks, "I would vote to support the President in his preparedness program." Thus does the President of the Texas Peace Society go to the rescue of the President of the United States.—Waco Times-Herald.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Ry. will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,
Secretary.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1916.

2-2-30t.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere. *

THIS IS MY 50th BIRTHDAY

ROBERT P. SKINNER.

Robert P. Skinner, American-Consul-General at London, who has been handling the difficult negotiations for the release of merchandise bought by American importers from Teuton manufacturers, is 50 years old today. When the war broke out he was Consul-General at Berlin, and his close acquaintance with German affairs made him one of the most important of consular officers. He had been consul general at Hamburg for six years, and his service abroad has covered nineteen years. Mr. Skinner was born in Masslion, O., Feb. 24, 1866, and became newspaper writer. At 20 he was the owner and editor of a newspaper at Massilon. In 1897 he was sent to Marseilles, in France, as consul, and four years later was made consul at that port. In 1903 he was sent as the American commissioner to establish relations and to negotiate a treaty between the United States and Ethiopia. A few years ago he handled the adjustment of claims of the creditors of the Republic of Liberia in England, France, Germany and Holland. Mr. Skinner made a flying trip from London to Washington last November, to report on the shipping situation and on his information largely the American notes on contraband matters were based.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.

Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.

Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.

Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 12:40 and arrives at 2:15 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.

Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.

Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:30 p. m.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 24

1563—Famous Duke de Guise of France was assassinated. He governed France during the reign of two kings.

1815—Died—Robert Fulton, builder of the first steamboat.

1821—Died—John Keats, English poet, aged 25.

1838—Cangressman Jonathan Cilley of New Hampshire killed in a duel with Congressman William J. Graves of Kentucky.

1848—French Revolution successful, and Louis Philippe abdicated.

1863—Arizona territory was organized.

1912—U. S. troops rushed to El Paso to protect American interests on the border.

1913—U. S. Supreme Court upheld constitutionality of "White Slave" law.

1914—Supreme Court decided that food adulterations must be poisonous or used to disguise defects, to come under the violation of the Pure Food law.

1915—U. S. Senate passed Post Office appropriation bill, for $322,000,000.

1915—THE WAR:
French artillery inflicts severe damage on Germans on the Meuse. German submarines sink two more British vessels. Germans add Orkney and Shetland Islands to "war zone." Russians resume the offensive and cross the Bobr River at two points.

Notice of Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cannel Coal Company will be held at the offices of the company in Laredo, Texas, Thursday, March 2, 1916, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of directors will be held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders at the same place and on the same date.

C. C. BIGGIO,
Secretary.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1916.

2-2-30t.

For Children's Cough.

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle to-day. All Druggists. *

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

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CELEBRATION HAS PASSED; WAS PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

CLOSING EVENTS WERE FIELD DAY EXERCISES AT POST.

Many Spectators From the City Attended Interesting Military and Athletic Events at Ft. McIntosh.

With the closing of the program of field day exercises at Fort McIntosh yesterday afternoon, the final feature of the seventeenth annual celebration in commemoration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington passed into history and Laredo has no excuse to offer should there have been any deficiencies in anything that pertained to what was carried out. Some few features were necessarily eliminated, but this was due to failure on the part of others than the committees. But now the celebration is over—those who made it a success worked with a zeal and devoted much time to the task, hence they deserve commendation and above all, surcease from their work.

The field day exercises and athletic events held at the post yesterday were a fitting climax to the events of two days and an appropriate finale was provided. The numerous interesting events on the military program were witnessed by large crowds which were on hand throughout the day. While the latter part of the field day exercises were in progress, simultaneously occurred the final base ball game between the Ninth Infantry and Corpus Christi teams. The Ninth Infantry copped all three ball games. The military events in the field day exercises consisted of the following numbers: Relay race, centipede race, tug of war, rescue race (mounted); equipment race, rescue race (dismounted); shoe race, drill by a battalion of Ninth Infantry, artillery section race, exhibition drill, mounted combat, military jumping for soldiers, military jumping for officers.

In all the various events in which the officers and men participated it was demonstrated that the United States army had some well trained men, as on every hand efficiency marked the work, and in horsemanship the soldiers outrival many others in the difficult feats they undertake. Prizes were awarded in all events, but the list of awards have not yet been announced.

Just Received.

A lot more Mazda-shaped Lamps of 25 and 40 watts.

Five for $1.00.

Laredo Elec. & Telephone Supply Co.
Royal Theatre Building.

2-18-tf.

Rr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey.

For your cold, for your cough, for your feverish throat, nose and head, use Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Honey soothes the irritation, Pine-Tar cuts the phlegm, thus relieving congestion. Pine Tar also acts as an antiseptic, as a result general relief follows. Breathing becomes easier and further inflammation is arrested. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is an ideal treatment. Price 25c. *

EXPORTATIONS TO MEXICO.

Varied List of Goods Passed Through Here the Past Few Days En route to Various Ports of Mexico.

The following exportations have passed through this port to Mexico during the past few days:

Twelve bushels of corn, 844 tons of coke, 961 tons of coal, 43,000 yards of cotton cloth, 27,000 feet of lumber, 785 dozen quarts of beer.

Notice to Tax-payers.

My office in the City Hall is now open for the reception of assessments on real and personal property for the year 1916. Please call and render assessments. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

J. C. MARTIN,
City Tax Assessor.

1-21-30t.

Cable Letters Reinstated.

The Western Union Telegraph Company announces that improvements in its transatlantic cable facilities enable it to reinstate its cable letter service which has been suspended since January 3. The Western Union some time ago re-established its deferred half-rate and week-end letter cable service and resumption of its cable letter service restores its full line of supplementary services in addition to its normal basis, which is of the greatest importance to American foreign trade.

When the bowels become irregular you are uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. You can get rid of this misery quickly by using HERBINE. Take a dose on going to bed and see how fine you feel next day. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists. x

ROYAL
OPERA HOUSE
SAFETY FIRST
THE HOUSE WITH REAL EXITS

PRESENTS TODAY:

William Faversham in "ONE MILLION DOLLARS," Metro Wonderplay in five parts.

Also two comedy reels.

Tomorrow: Triangle Plays, Orrin Johnson in "THE PRICE OF POWER;" Fatty and Mabel in the Keystone comedy, "HE DID AND HE DIDN'T," in two parts.

Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Comet Barber Shop

W. H. BAKER, Prop.
Opposite City Hall

EVERYTHING SANITARY AND FIRST CLASS

YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED

PHONE 814

MINSTREL SHOW LAST NIGHT

Richard & Pringles Aggregation Held Boards at Royal Last Night and Delighted Large Audience.

The Richards & Pringles Minstrels, that organization that was years ago made famous by Billy Kersands, the negro with the biggest "hole in his face" of any man known, held the boards at the Royal Opera House last night before an audience that filled that capacious theatre and everybody left the place perfectly delighted with the offerings of the evening.

This minstrel aggregation is today one of the oldest and best on the road and is more familiarly known as "the Georgia Minstrels," for in it are a number of Georgia negroes that as comedians and vocalists are hard to surpass. Old plantation songs—those melodies that are dear to every Southern heart, and which at sunset on the farm in the yesteryears came like a sweet serenade from the wavy fields towards the cabin where our parents loved to sit at twilight and listen to the lullabies of old "Uncle Pete" or "Aunt Malindy," were all constituent parts of the program last night. Among the old-time favorites sang by the minstrels last night were "Old Black Joe," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and "I'm Gwine Back to Dixie," all being encores.

The comedy skits given by quartets, the burlesque sketches, the dialogues, recitative songs, vocal and music selections were all up to the standard long ago attained by the Richards & Pringles Minstrels.

Sciatica's Piercing Pain.

To kill the nerve pains of Sciatica you can always depend on Sloan's Liniment. It penetrates to the seat of pain and brings ease as soon as it is applied. A great comfort too with Sloan's is that no rubbing is required. Sloan's Liniment is invaluable for stopping muscular or nerve pain of any kind. Try it at once if you suffer with Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Throat, Pain in Chest, Sprains, Bruises, etc. It is excellent for Neuralgia and Headache. 25c. at all Druggists. *

BENDER HOTEL BARBER SHOP

J. S. Roberts, Prop.

BATHS

ANTIMONY, ZINC, LEAD, SILVER AND GOLD ORES, etc., bought. Our speciality prices on oxide ores of Antimony. For particulars address: W. B. A. Dingwall, P. O. Box 374, Laredo, Texas.

Cia. Ferretera del Rio Bravo

HARDWARE

Tinware, crystal ware, chinaware, paints, oil brushes, etc., etc.

919 ITURBIDE STREET

NEW BOOKS!

The Story-Life of Washington, 2 Vols.	$3.00 by Whipple
The Story-Life of Lincoln 1 "	1.75 by Whipple
Hurlbuts Story of Jesus, for young and old	1.50
Hurlbuts Story of the Bible, for young and old	1.50
Lincoln's Own Yarns and Stories, Edited by Col. A. K. McClure	1.50
Universal Self-Pronouncing Graphic Dictionary-Leather	1.50

THE JOHN C. WINSTON COMPANY.

Universal Self-Pronouncing "Parvo"	Pocket Dictionary-Leather
Universal Self-Pronouncing	Desk Dictionary-Leather
The Sayings of Washington	60 cts
The Sayings of Lincoln	60 cts

SONORA NEWS COMPANY HOTEL HAMILTON

2 IN 1 SHOE POLISHES

The polish that's easiest to use—the shine that's hardest to lose.



Black White Tan 10¢

KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT

The F. F. Dalley Co., Ltd., Buffalo, N. Y.

FIGHT DEVELOPS OVER ESTATE OF GEORGIA MILLIONAIRE.

Athens, Ga., Feb. 25.—One of the most interesting fortune fights in the history of the Georgia courts is expected to ensue, when hearing begins next Monday at Lexington, Ga., on the appointment of permanent administrators of the estate of the late Colonel "Jim" Smith, the millionaire Georgia farmer, who died intestate last December.

Several sets of heirs claim to be the nearest of kin, and the family history of the Smiths is being searched by the most able lawyers of the state. Two former Supreme Court justices, also former Governor Edmund F. Noel of Mississippi, are among the legal talent which will figure in the case.

The biographers of the late Colonel Smith state that he was the son of one Zadock Smith, and the Zadock Smith line of descent claims to be the next of kin. This claim is contested by another branch of the Smith family, in Habersham County. They allege that the late millionaire was the son of Sallie Smith, who was the daughter of Charles Smith, of Habersham County, and that the boy was adopted by an aunt who later married Zadok Smith, who has been known as the father of the prosperous planter. Therefore the Habersham line of the Smith family lay claim, through their relationship to the mother of Smith, to the property which he left. In the coming hearing they will attempt to prove that they are the real next of kin, instead of the hitherto generally recognized closest kin.

Sensational developments are sure to ensue, say parties to the court fight. The property at stake is the biggest ever left by one man in Georgia, and the two sets of claimants are equipped with abundance of evidence in support of their contentions.

Hints of blackmail have been made, and the residents of Oglethorpe County are deeply interested in the outcome.

Several Cold Quickly Cured.

"On December first I had a very severe cold or attack of the grip as it may be, and was nearly down sick in bed," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. "I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a few days until I was completely restored to health. I firmly believe that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is one of the very best medicines and will know what to do when I have another cold." Obtainable everywhere.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work ring up 43.

PERSONALS

R. L. Scott of San Antonio is in the city.

L. F. Poston, superintendent of the Sonora News Company, with headquarters at Monterey is a guest at the Hamilton.

Mrs. C. L. Nossinger of San Antonio returned home yesterday after a short visit here to the family of Mr. John Bruni. Mrs. Nossinger was highly pleased with Laredo and carried away with her a number of kodak scenes, which she took during her visit.

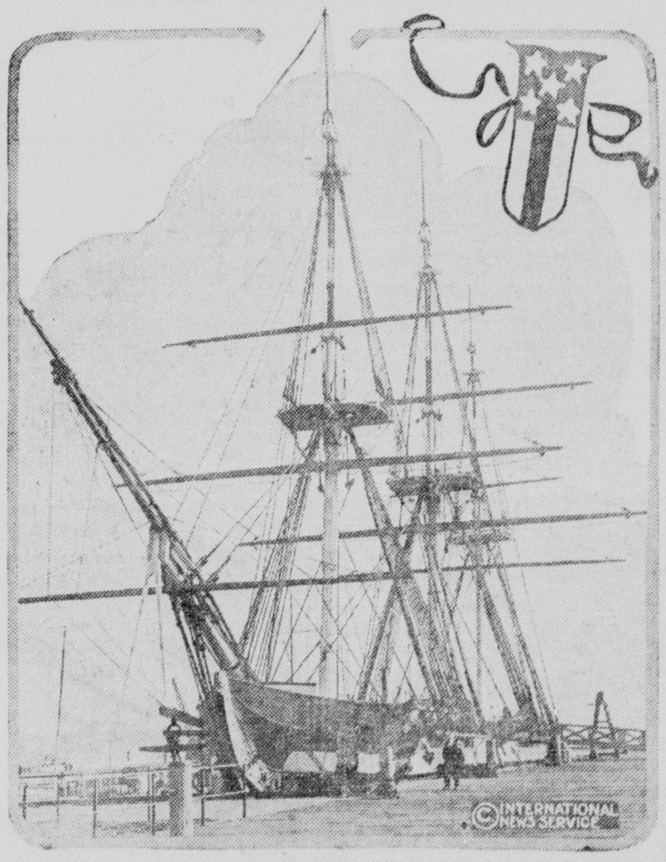
HAMILTON:—J. M. Olivares, T. M. Mathews, E. Vega, Jas. M. Young, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee, Monterey; B. A. Warner and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. Normand, Tampico; G. T. Brown, Houston; W. E. Nelson, M. R. Avila, San Antonio; F. A. Porter, San Marcos; E. C. Skinner, R. J. Tofileff, Houston; T. J. Poston, Fort Worth; B. A. Toliver, Barstow; R. L. Scott, A. T. Stewart, J. H. Greenhalph, M. Solcher, Raymond Barry, San Antonio; T. W. Kimlen, St. Louis; F. F. Poston, Monterey.

BENDER:—E. P. Phelps, Houston; W. W. Thompson, Pittsburg; J. C. McIntyre, San Francisco, Cal.; G. H. Blemke, Washington; J. Bishop, Houston; M. E. Fronaks, San Antonio; R. A. de Segovia and wife, Linares, Mex.; J. S. Craig, H. Hurt, San Antonio; Joe Hurter, Cleveland; W. Duncan, Dallas; Y. McAdams, Brauwint; J. Garcia Fuentes, San Antonio; H. W. Dawn and wife, Memphis, Tenn.; A. B. Bishop, Robert A. Ross, San Antonio; S. W. Thompson, Corpus Christi; H. M. George, New York; J. P. Word and wife, Lampasas; W. S. Sinkeme, Grafton Houston, Jos Golden, San Antonio; J. W. Kimbin, St. Louis, Mo.; M. Dorenfield, New Orleans, La.; J. B. Boyd, Chicago, Ill.; Paul E. Nolden, St. Louis, Mo.; C. H. Coole, San Antonio; Tom B. Chapman, Denton; J. L. Mayfield, New York; J. H. Almitian, Chicago, Ill.; F. L. Harker, Monterey.

DYNAMITE JOKERS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

Canton, Ga., Feb. 25.—Douglas McAfee and Mitchell McFarland, charged with attempting to ignite the fuse to six sticks of dynamite in the center of the town, will be tried on Monday on charges preferred by the state. The two men were recently fined for the offense in the local court. The prompt action of the night marshal prevented an explosion, which would have wrecked a large part of the town. The men claimed they did not know the seriousness of their offense or that the dynamite would produce damage.

TO SAVE THE OLD CONSTITUTION



Congress has been asked to appropriate $150,000 to restore the famous old frigate Constitution, which is here shown as it lies rotting in the Charlestown navy yard.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Mrs. O. J. Cook will be hostess to the Auction Bridge Club at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will hold its regular weekly meeting at the rectory with Mrs. Chas. Cook at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the evening.

The Laredo Choral Club will hold its regular weekly meeting with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday.

The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Vera Lang at a quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon.

Capt. and Mrs. Ryan and Miss Ryan will entertain with a Tackey Party on Saturday evening at half after eight 'clock in the evening.

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In some far place beyond the stars
No doubt the chosen dwell serene,
Where earthly tumult never mars
The rapture of their perfect dream.

In some deep place beneath the sea
Perhaps the water-sprites at play
Still chant their wild songs lustily
And toss dull sorrow to the spray.

But here amid life's wrack and din
I find my joy and play my part,
And all the paradise I'd win
Is here beside me—in your heart.
—Charles Wisner Barrell.

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General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bracht accompanied by their daughter Miss Mabel Bracht, returned to Rockport yesterday after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lang.

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Mr. George Derby returned home on Wednesday after a trip to California.

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Miss Grace Lang returned to San Marcos on Wednesday after spending the holidays with her parents.

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Mr. Otto Withoff is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. C. Withoff. Mr. Withoff's headquarters are at Matehuala, Mexico.

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Dick Furman of Corpus Christi returned home yesterday, and Ed. Furman is remaining for a longer stay.

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Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Hiatt returned home the early part of last week after a trip North.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Terrell of Seguin returned home yesterday, after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Heaner.

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Mrs. Annie Naylor and son Mr. Jos. Naylor of San Antonio, who have been the guests of Mrs. Sarah Rice left yesterday on the noon train for home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crockett of Kingsville are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tannenbaum.

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Mrs. A. C. Hamilton returned home yesterday from San Antonio, where she has been the guest of Mrs. Zilker for the past month.

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Mrs. J. Blake Alexander, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Guinn, for the holidays, left yesterday for her home in San Antonio.

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Mrs. T. Dublin of Jacksonville, who has been visiting her son, Mr. S. S. Dublin, and family at North Laredo, returned home yesterday.

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Mrs. H. M. Rosenbaum and little daughter, Anita, who have been visiting in Laredo for several weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Goodwin, parents of Mrs. Rosenbaum, leave tonight for their home in Dallas.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Harris who were visitors of their daughter Mrs. Maness during the celebration left yesterday for their home in San Antonio.

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Entertainments.

One of the pretty affairs of yesterday was the entertainment of the Married Ladies' Club and a number of additional guests by Mrs. Geo. C. Woodman in the afternoon. The rooms were fragrant with violets and low bowls of gay nasturtiums. After a series of games, Mrs. John T. Halsell scored high and won the club prize, and Mrs. Robert McComb won the guest prize, both being beautiful hand-embroidered dresser scarfs with crochet insertion and edge. Low score was given Miss Amar Penn, a pair of beautiful gold hatpins. At the conclusion of the game an exquisitely appointed two-course luncheon was served, the plate favors being lovely boutonnieres of violets. Those present were: Club members—Mesdames T. A. Austin, M. T. Cogley, J. W. Brewster, L. J. Christen, C. M. Fish, J. T. Halsell, A. Huberich, W. W. MacGregor, J. A. MacDonald, W. N. Young, A. E. Wager, Thos. Reed, J. H. Davis; Guests—Mesdames Ryan of Fort McIntosh, H. Stow Garlick, Robt. McComb, D. F. Anderson, Albert Martin, M. E. Pinder, W. T. Hill, B. F. Wright, C. B. Kenedy; Misses Clara Nelson and Amar Penn.

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Barrera-Dickinson.

Yesterday at six o'clock in the afternoon at San Agustin pro-cathedral was solemnized the marriage of Miss Clara Dickinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickinson, to Mr. Armando Barrera. The bride was attended by Mrs. Isaura B. Martinez as matron of honor and Miss Louise Dickinson as maid of honor. The groom was attended by Mr. Adalberto Martinez. The bridal party included as witnesses the following: Miguel Tinoco and Miss Carlota R. Stukes, Romeo Laurel and Miss Amalia Garcia, Max Peña and Miss Elisa Guerra, Casimiro Yzaguirre and Miss Amelia Gonzalez, Gregorio Dickinson and Miss Teresita Tinoco, William Dickinson and Miss Ofilia Canales, Francisco Vizcaya. Gift bearer, Mercedes Yzaguirre. Flower girl, Anita Yzaguirre. Flower boy, Juanito Dickinson. After the ceremony a reception and ball was held at the Latin-American club, the Strand orchestra furnishing delightful music for the occasion.

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Musicale.

The monthly musicale with which the pupils of Mrs. D. F. Anderson delight their hearers will be held on Saturday afternoon at half after three o'clock in the studio. The following program will be given:

Seven Memory Songs Galloway
"When Spring Comes Laughing".....
"Pickaninny Lullaby"
"The Gypsy Trail"
Mrs. L. H. Wharton.
"A Day in Venice" Nevin
Mrs. W. N. Young.
"Somewhere a Voice is Calling"..... Tate
.....
Miss Courtney Crutchfield.
"A Song of Thanksgiving"...Alittsen
Mrs. A. J. Landrum.
"Faust"—"Le Parlate D'Amor".....
..... Gounod
Mrs. C. C. Shiner.
"Slave Song" Del Riego
Mrs. L. H. Wharton.
American Indian Songs.....Cadman
"From the Land of the Sky Blue Water"
"Far Off I Hear a Lover's Flute"....
Miss Courtney Crutchfield.

The guests of the afternoon will be: Mesdames H. M. Austin, J. W. Mussett, R. K. Mims, H. Borchers, Q. Q. Hopkins, T. C. Mann, C. H. Bell, Paul Rogers, O. Z. Windrow, Loring, J. F. Boniger, D. N. Cobb, J. A. MacDonald, S. R. Anderson, W. T. Hill, R. P. Woodard, R. K. Stacey, Wilmer Threadgill, Howell, Fred Thomas, R. W. Morrison, Thos. Reed, Fred Single; Misses Elizabeth and Maud Mussett, Gladys Hufford, Gladys Howell, Julia Mullen, Dorothy Borchers, Rosalie Wormser, Courtney Slaughter, Josephine Staben, Myrtle Mackin, Olivette Landrum, Louise Martin, Ethel Mackin, Ozema Gutierrez, Ruby Landrum, Marian Gray, Louvera Siros, Olive Pierce.

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Ladies Card Club of Fort McIntosh.

The Ladies Card Club of Fort McIntosh held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon at half after two o'clock at the Ninth Infantry Club rooms. Mrs. Kinney made high score for the afternoon and Mrs. Harris made second. Mrs. Reuben Smith and Miss Alice Gray were hostesses and delightful refreshments were served.

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Dinner Dance.

Colonel and Mrs. Robert Brown entertained most beautifully last evening with a dinner dance. The rooms were artistically decorated in baskets of huisache blooms and vari-colored balloons floated from great branches of the huisache which were placed in the corners of the rooms. The walls were festooned with gray moss, studded with red and green electric bulbs. The beauty of the rooms was further enhanced by the red and green shaded candles which were placed on the tables. The place cards were attached to tiny nut baskets which served as favors. A five course dinner was served and dancing was enjoyed between courses, music from a concealed orchestra tempting all to join the merry dancers. The spacious gallery was screened with branches of willow and glowing Japanese lanterns shed a soft light, and cozy corners were placed at either end of the porch for the comfort of the guests. Punch was also served here. Miss Evelyn Bailey, Miss Myrtle Mackin and Robert Ennis entertained with solo dances, confetti added to the carnival spirit. Covers were laid for General and Mrs. Evans, Captain and Mrs. Davids, Captain and Mrs. Bell, Captain and Mrs. Jackson, Captain and Mrs. Kinney, Captain and Mrs. Sirmyer, Captain and Mrs. Rucker, Lieutenant and Mrs. Harris, Lieutenant and Mrs. Weaver, Lieutenant and Mrs. Gray, Lieutenant and Mrs. Drane, Lieutenant and Mrs. Read, Lieutenant and Mrs. Clement, Lieutenant and Mrs. Morris, Lieutenant and Mrs. Moore; Misses Louise Muller, Myrtle Mackin, Clarisse Ryan, Mary Sames, Theodora Gullette, Cleo Pereira, Alice Gray, Olive Gray, Dorothy Smith, Marguerite Nelson, Edna Brown, Lucille Murphy; Mrs. Hal Irby Greer; Alden and Robert Muller, Robert Ennis, Major Switzer, Major Payne, Captain Baker, Lieutenants Gill, Hornsby Evans, Tucker; Colonel and Mrs. Brown.

MME. LUCY THOUMAIAN



Mme. Lucy Thoumaian, wife of an Armenian Christian member of the Turkish parliament, is in Washington promoting the organization of a union of neutral nations to bring about peace.

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KING PETER OF SERBIA GOING INTO EXILE



This remarkable and historical picture shows Peter, king of Serbia, seated on an ox-drawn cart, on his way out of the country for which he fought so bravely. The vehicle used as a royal coach had been an ammunition wagon

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the nited States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight fair; somewhat colder. Saturday fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 82 degs.
Min. temp. 56 degs.
General direction of wind: South.
Partly cloudy.

For a Bilious Attack.

When you have a severe headache, accompanied by a coated tongue, loathing of food, constipation, torpid liver, vomiting of partly digested food and then bile, you may know that you have a severe bilious attack. While you may be quite sick there is much consolation in knowing that relief may be had by taking three of Chamberlain's Tablets. They are prompt and effectual. Obtainable everywhere.

CANADIAN AND NORTH DAKOTA COLLEGIANS ARGUE WAR QUESTION.

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 25.—One of the most interesting college debates ever held in the northwest is the contest here tonight between the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota. The question is whether the United States should have intervened in Belgium's behalf when that neutral country was invaded at the opening of the European War. The Winnipeg debaters will try to prove the affirmative, while the North Dakota boys will try to uphold the attitude of the Washington government.

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Too Much for Paw.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, are there any people living on the moon?

Paw—I suppose so, son.

Little Lemuel—What becomes of them on dark nights when there isn't any moon.

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From Saturday's Daily.

A RIDICULOUS STANDPOINT.

A Mexican writer applauds the recent decision of the de facto government to the effect that in future all public documents relating to the petroleum industry must be written in Spanish, and that the metric system must be used in measurements. The public announcements in all petroleum industries are also to be in Spanish.

This is proper enough, for, as the writer says, the official language of Mexico is Spanish. But the ridiculous feature of the whole affair is that the writer, while claiming that the Mexicans are an aboriginal race, whose origin is "lost in the dust of the centuries," demands that "we retain the purity of the language of Cervantes."

The Spanish language is no more the language of the aboriginal Mexicans than it is of the aboriginal Filipinos, or of the head-hunting natives of the Caroline and Ladrone islands. It is the language of the conquerors of all of these peoples, and why a certain class of Mexicans should boast of "preserving the purity" of the Spanish language, while their pride is that that they have no Spanish blood in their veins, is hard to understand.

For centuries the hardy Scottish Highlanders battled for the right to preserve their national customs, dress and language. The English who conquered a part of Scotland were unanimous in saying that the conquest would never be complete so long as the people were permitted to retain their customs, language and dress. So it was decreed that no Gaelic should be taught in the public schools, and a fine was imposed upon Highlanders who wore the kilts.

The Romans who conquered the barbarian tribes immediately set about their defeated enemies the wall of Roman customs, Roman language and Roman religion. So when the Spaniards conquered Mexico they immediately overthrew the idols in the Aztec temples and turned the buildings into Christian churches. They refused to learn the Aztec language and commanded that all public business must be conducted in Spanish. This was the beginning of the use of "the pure language of Cervantes" in Mexico. It was not necessarily a badge of shame, but it was a distinctive mark of submission to the conqueror.

For three hundred years the Spanish ruled Mexico with an iron hand. They left many customs to perpetuate their memory, customs to which the aboriginal Mexicans were strangers when Cortez landed. And while in certain parts of Mexico today various Indian languages are spoken, in no place is the ancient Aztec tongue spoken in purity.

While boasting of aboriginal descent, the educated people of Mexico can hardly boast of the pure Mexican blood. The majority of those who are graduates of the higher institutions of learning have Spanish blood, and they have all the customs which were brought from Spain, and which in part came from northern Africa when the Moors overran the Iberian peninsula.

The pure-blooded Filipino rarely speaks Spanish. His is the pride of the aboriginal in rejecting the language, the customs and, in many instances, the religion of his conqueror. When the United States troops occupied the Philippines, they found hundreds of good-sized towns where only the priests and the "presidente municipal" could speak Spanish. The others spoke one of the various dialects of the native language.

There is nothing discreditable in the use of the Spanish or the English language. In many European countries one finds the majority of the people speaking two or even more languages. In the Basque provinces the natives speak the language of their ancestors as well as the modern Spanish. The Sicilian and the Calabrian speak the Tuscan as well as their own provincial dialects.

But for a Mexican to boast of his pure aboriginal descent while he is unable to speak any other language save the Spanish is an anomaly. And the customs he observes are no more those of his ancestors than they are those of the Anglo-Saxons.

A TOUCHY SENATOR.

Senator Jones of Washington has introduced a resolution which is expected to express the sense of the senate that any issue affecting the national honor should be referred to congress before a decision, and that no ultimatum be sent a foreign power nor severance of diplomatic relations be permitted without reference to congress.

In this Senator Jones is stirring up needless troubles for congress, as the constitution of the United States defines the powers of the congress as well as of the executive in such a plain and distinct manner that no one can fail to understand them.

The constitution says that congress shall have power to declare war and to make rules concerning captures on land and water; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces; to define offenses against the law of nations; to raise and support armies; the senate has the sole power of approving treaties with foreign powers.

The president is commander in chief of the army and navy, and he may make treaties with other nations, with the advice and consent of the senate, providing a two-thirds vote of concurrence is passed by the senate. He can appoint ambassadors, ministers and consuls to foreign countries, but his appointments must be approved by the senate.

There is nothing in the constitution which permits the president to break off diplomatic relations, which would be practically a hostile act. This power would appear to be so distinctly confined to the congress that it should need no definition by anyone.

That hostility to President Wilson is contained in the recent acts of members of both parties is plain to all. The attempt on the part of former Secretary Bryan to interfere with the congress by endorsing the opposition to Mr. Wilson is very disheartening to those who had hoped for harmony in the party's councils for the coming campaign.

It is not at all likely that Mr. Wilson will attempt to usurp any of the powers of the congress, or that he will permit any of the members to usurp his power in any manner. His belief that it would be wrong as well as unwise to warn Americans to keep off armed merchant ships is his own personal belief, and he recognizes that congress has the power as well as the right to take such action as it may deem fit. But he will not recede from his original opinion so long as he thinks it is right.

It is early in the campaign for his political opponents to play politics in the attempt to discredit him before the people, especially as some of the leaders of the opposing party have declared their intention of standing by him.

But the sooner these questions are brought up and settled by congress, the better chance will Mr. Wilson have to justify his course during the present war. So far as his preparedness program is concerned, even his most determined opponents recognize the futility of attacking him along that line. Indeed, Mr. Bryan has for the moment dropped his attacks on national defense to take up the question of keeping Americans from sailing on ships of the belligerent nations.

House Leader Kitchin and Speaker Clark told the president that should the resolution concerning the warning to Americans be brought before the house it would pass by a vote of two to one. But even that did not convince the president that he was wrong, or that he should bow his head to expediency when he believed himself right.

Congress may be able to prevent any open rupture with a foreign nation until it has had an opportunity to consider the matter, but the members will not thus be able to coerce the president into doing anything which he does not believe in as right and just.

And there is no one who believes that he has any intention or desire of forcing the nation into war.

Portugal seems to be following the example of the United States in the "Thrift Day" propaganda. She has has already seized over forty German and Austrian ships interned in her harbors, and she has lost but few since the war began. Portugal may again be a maritime power if she keeps this up.

The new ambassador to Mexico has been accepted by the senate, and we may soon hear of his departure for the land of trouble. Just who the new secretary of legation will be no one seems to know, but it is a safe bet that it will not be one Nelson O'Shaughnessy.

Bryan wants congress to oppose the president. If his advice is taken it will be for the first time, and judging by his own disastrous career, it may result in trouble for the government.

Those Mexicans who tried to lasso a Texas schoolma'am were lucky in that the soldiers were the nearest to them. Had some of the citizens got there first there would have been some new faces to greet Beelzebub in the morning.

SUGGESTIVE.

Patience—She talked about her ancestors all the time she was here. I guess her ancestors' ears must have been burning, all right.

Beatrice—I hope you don't think her ancestors went to a place where their ears would burn?

BUILDING FOR RESTAURANT

Laredo is to Have First-class Restaurant Conducted by Experienced Restaurateurs and Caterers.

Laredo is soon to have a restaurant or cafe equal to the best in the state of Texas, and the men who are to be in charge of it are experienced restaurateurs and chefs. The new eating house, equipped with the best of modern fixtures and conveniences, is to be located in a building to be erected especially for that purpose and work of construction will begin in a short time.

Messrs. R. B. Odom and G. D. Ellis are to be the proprietors of the new restaurant and they have leased the ground owned by the Knights of Pyhias lodge on which the old Dixie Theatre was formerly located on the corner opposite Jarvis Plaza. Here a building, especially designed to be suitable for a modern cafe, will be erected. It will be a one-story brick structure, and the work of erection will begin about the middle of next week and the building will be ready for occupancy in about sixty days. The best of fixtures and equipment will be installed and Laredo will soon have a first-class restaurant where you can enjoy pleasant surroundings while appeasing your appetites.

Mr. Odom has been in charge of the eating house at the I. & G. N. station here conducted by the Van Noy Interstate Co., and is an efficient restaurateur, while Mr. Ellis was also at one time associated with him and later has owned the Burley House Restaurant.

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FEBRUARY 26.

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1802—Birthday of Victor Hugo, the French novelist. Died in 1885.

1815—Napoleon escaped from Elba, accompanied by his old guard.

1833—Cholera broke out in Havana; 7,000 died within a month.

1848—French Republic was proclaimed from the steps of Paris City Hall.

1852—Death of Thomas Moore, the famous Irish poet, aged 73.

1857—Congress authorized the formation of the state government of Minnesota.

1861—The terms of the new Constitution of Austria were published; it was reformed two years later, and is now in force.

1871—Treaty of peace between France and Prussia signed at Versailles.

1914—Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition arrived at Adelaide, Australia, after two years in the antartic.

1915—THE WAR:
Rusians defeat the Germans at Przasnysz, and occupy the city. British and French fleet continue pounding Dardanelles chain of defenses. French troops make slight gains east of the Argonne forest.

UNANSWERED PRAYER.

One night, when her grandmother was putting her to bed, 3-year-old Olive said, "Grandma, every night when I go to bed I ask God to make Brother Fred a good boy."

"That is right," said her grandmother.

"But he ain't done it yet," replied Olive soberly.—Exchange.

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THIS IS MY 55th BIRTHDAY

CZAR FERDINAND OF BULGARIA.

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who welded an empire out of turbulent races in the Balkans and then cast its fate into an alliance with the Teutonic powers in the European War, reaches his 55th birthday today. He is a grandson of Louis Philippe of France, and is cordially hated by the French people. He was only 26 years old when Prince Alexander of Bulgaria was kidnapped, and Bulgaria was left without a ruler. Nobody wanted to tackle the difficult job, so Ferdinand took it. He went to Sofia, the capital, and went to work. Destiny played with him, and he was fortunate in securing a prime minister of the type of Stambouloff. The aristocratic ruler kept aloof from the rough and ready folk of the Balkans, but he gathered clever advisers and studied the difficult situation with the brain of a statesman. He amazed the statesmen of Europe by his success in ruling the mixed races. Czar Ferdinand was born at Coburg, in Germany, on February 26, 1861, as Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. His mother of royal French blood, was immensely wealthy in her own right, and her whole heart was given to the interests of this son. Ferdinand inherited her strongest qualities, the two most telling ones being vigorous activity and the power to win and hold popular favor. The action of Ferdinand in throwing Bulgaria into the balance of war on the side of the Teutons is attributed to various motives. It had the deciding effect, so far as the Balkan situation was concerned. Czar Ferdinand was twice married, and the heir-apparent is Prince Boris, now 22 years old.

LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS TALK MISSIONS.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 25.—Delegates from thirty Lutheran colleges and seminaries in the United States are taking part in the sixth annual convention of the Lutheran Student Missionary Conference, which opened today at Thiel College here. Prominent theologians and mission workers will speak, and the conference will end on Sunday with special services.

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After Pinioning and Gagging Cowboy They Stole Nine Horses and Hiked Toward Rio Grande.

Details of a daring holdup and raid made on the ranch of Ygnacio Benavides, a prominent banker of this city, on last Tuesday night by Mexican bandits were brought to Laredo last night, and the account, as given by the solitary cowboy who was on the ranch at the time, is as sensational and thrilling as any of the events that transpired in the Brownsville country during the notorious raids made there by Mexican brigands a few months ago.

On last Tuesday evening, just about dusk, two masked Mexicans rode up to the ranch house of the Benavides ranch, about sixty miles northeast of Laredo near the Nueces river, and asked the cowboy who was then there by himself if they could sleep on the porch for the night. They were given an affirmative reply and then the cowboy stated that he would make some coffee for them and started a fire on the ground. As the cowboy was bending over the fire stirring the coffee in the pot he was grabbed from behind by one of the bandits (they remained masked all the time) his hands were pinioned behind him and a handkerchief served as a gag.

After pinioning his hands behind the cowboy the bandits asked him, "Where are the horses that belong on this ranch?" The cowboy replied, "They are over there in the corral." Then the cowboy was gagged, his feet tied together with a rope and he was dragged to a place some distance from the house and thrown violently to the ground, with his hands and feet tied and his mouth gagged.

After disposing of the cowboy the bandits went to the corral indicated, drove the nine fine horses belonging to Mr. Benavides out and proceeded on their way to the Rio Grande river. On Wednesday the men were seen by several parties before they reached the Rio Grande, but no suspicion was directed toward them as all thought that probably they had a herd of horses which they either just purchased or were driving to another ranch. The horses were also seen just before they were forded across the river into the little town of Jaral, Mexico, near San Ignacio, where they were seen yesterday by friends of Mr. Benavides, who informed him of the feat.

Tuesday about midnight the cowboy, who had been pinioned down by the brigands, succeeded in extricating his feet from the rope and walked two miles to a ranch with his hands pinioned behind him and his mouth gagged. There he was released from his shackles and he told the ranchmen what had happened. A scouting party immediately went to the ranch and remained there until daylight Wednesday, when they took the trail in pursuit of the bandits, but too late, for they were well on their way toward the Rio Grande river then and crossed the stream into Mexico late Wednesday night with the nine head of horses stolen from the Benavides ranch.

BOOSTING THE BOND ISSUE; SAYS SCHOOLS ARE NEEDED

CITIZEN COMPARES THE LAREDO SCHOOLS WITH OTHER CITIES

Says the Greatest Asset a Community Has is Its School Building and Urges Issuance of Bonds.

"The property tax-payer who votes against that issuance of $80,000 bonds to build a high school building and two ward schools for Laredo is certainly deficient in that quality known as civic pride," said an enterprising Laredo citizen to the Times reporter this morning. "When the people actually look at what they have here in the way of school facilities, and especially when they take a peep through smoked glasses at that antiquated high school, they blush with a sense of disgust and then and there is where a realization comes of the real necessity that demands the new schools for Laredo.

"I can remember a few years ago when Corpus Christi's greatest deficiency was her school buildings," said the citizen who was talking, "but today take a look at what a transformation has occurred. That place now has one of the largest and most handsome high school structures in the state, there are about five large, two-story brick ward buildings and every improvement possible is being made from time to time in the buildings. And then there is the little city of Alice and her magnificent high school building, the small town of Robstown and her adequate school buildings—every place in Texas is boosting better school buildings, and as Laredo does not lack in boosting qualities then it is up to every wideawake property taxpayer to boost and vote for the proposition next Saturday to issue school bonds in the sum of $80,000. It will redound to the good of the city of Laredo ten times in value."

The citizen quoted in the above interview practically expresses the consensus of opinion prevalent in Laredo concerning the necessity of the proposed new school buildings, and it is not necessary to emphasize the fact that every one who is in favor of the bonds should exert himself and work to the end that a large and representative vote be had next Saturday and that the bonds be voted without a dissenting vote.

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LITTLE LOCALS

—The fact that the Mexican merchants in Monterey do not want the ten and twenty peso Carranza bills does not bring news of a surprising nature. The merchants of that place have tabooed Mexican currency when they could get American gold, silver or currency instead.

—The diverting of the greater part of the railway traffic to Mexico through the port of Eagle Pass has not demoralized the business in that regard that Laredo gets, as there is still a lot of exports and imports passing through the port of Laredo daily.

—The carnival closes its engagement in Laredo tonight and the tents will be pulled down and the aggregation will vamoose by Monday. Withal this has been a pretty good carnival, it was clean and those who saw it were satisfied. A carnival is a carnival and nothing more.

—One week from next Wednesday, March 8, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Easter Sunday this year comes on April 23. This is a season which is generally observed in Laredo by the Episcopalians and Roman Catholics in a very strict manner.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Nicanor Lozano and Merced Castro, Rodrigo Garcia and Enadina Gonzales, Manuel Garcia Herrera and Emma Lozano.

—Immigration Inspector Burnett returned yesterday afternoon from San Antonio, to which place he took an undesirable French woman for deportation to Canada and brought back with a Mexican family for deportation to Mexico.

—Tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock on the Caliche diamond, the Laredos and the Ninth Infantry teams will cross bats in what promises to be an interesting exhibition of the national sport.

REFUSE TO ACCEPT BILLS OF LARGE DENOMINATION

MEXICAN MERCHANTS TABOO CARRANZA BILLS OVER 5 PESOS

Riots Follow Refusal of Merchants to Take Bills of Ten and Twenty Pesos Denomination in Monterey.

According to information brought to this city by a gentleman arriving yesterday from Monterey, the merchants of that city are experiencing some trouble with an enraged populace because the merchants have expressed themselves as averse to accepting and in fact emphatically refusing to accept Carranza currency of denominations of ten pesos, twenty pesos and in larger denominations.

One day this week, stated the informant, there was an incipient riot among the poor in Monterey on account of the acts of the merchants in refusing to accept ten peso and twenty peso bills. In the mixup that followed the doors of several stores are reported to have been knocked in by the enraged mob and general merchandise and provisions taken by the rioters. Finally the disturbance was subdued by the police and the merchants informed that they would either have to accept the recognized currency of the country or close their places of business.

The reason for the refusal of the merchants to accept the Carranza currency of the larger denominations is due to the fact that the larger bills are of fluctuating value and are almost constantly decreasing in value. On the other hand the merchants express themselves as perfectly willing to accept Carranza currency of the denomination of one, two and five pesos value in any amounts that the customers may bring them, only they do not want the larger bills. The one to five peso bills have a value of four cents gold each (four cents on the peso) and the values fluctuate very little, while the larger bills fluctuate steadily and have a value of about three cents on the peso, and sometimes less.

A similar condition to that existing in Monterey against the larger Carranza currency bills is existing in Nuevo Laredo and other Mexican cities, and it is said an effort is being made to have the ten, twenty, one hundred and five hundred peso bills withdrawn from circulation. Why the large bills are considered worthless and the others maintain their value is not stated.

Prof. Villar's Concert.

Next Tuesday evening at the Latin-American Club Prof. Julian M. de Villar will present his piano and voice pupils in a grand concert, assisted by various noted musicians of the city. The program includes some of the most important works of the famous composers, including the modern as well as those of another age, and the closing number is the Mendelssohn concerto in G minor by full orchestra and piano. Prof. Villar is to be congratulated in advance upon the variety and scope of the numbers selected.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Musicale at the studio of Mrs. D. F. Anderson at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Entre Nous Club will meet with Miss Vera Lang at a quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Tournament Bridge Club will play with Mrs. G. W. Derby this afternoon at three o'clock instead of on Monday.

Capt. and Mrs. Ryan and Miss Ryan will entertain with a "Tackey Party" at half after eight o'clock in the evening at Fort McIntosh.

Sunday.

The Epworth League will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Methodist Church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The B. Y. P. U. Sr. will hold its regular weekly meeting at the Baptist Church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at the Christian Church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

The Children of Mary Sodality, Girl's Division, meets at Ursuline Academy at three-thirty in the afternoon. It is also the Sodality Communion Sunday.

Monday.

The Monday Weekly Bridge Club will hold its regular weekly meeting at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Music and General Department of the Woman's Club will meet at Mrs. D. F. Anderson's studio at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Pythian Sisters will hold their regular meeting at the K. of P. Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

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Around the world a stone I carried
long,
To cast at one I thought had done
me wrong;
At last I found a grave with grasses
grown,
And in my pocket searched. Where
was the stone?

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General Mention.

Chplain E. W. Wood and family expect to leave today for Philadelphia, where they will remain during the chaplain's leave of absence.

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Mr. James Merriman of Cotulla spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. B. Earnest.

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Mrs. J. S. Steele visited friends in Laredo yesterday en route to her home in San Antonio after a visit to Mrs. A. E. Derby in Monterey.

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Mrs. W. T. Wright of Asherton was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Cook for a few days this week, returning home on Thursday.

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Club Notes.

Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary held its regular weekly meeting at Christ Church rectory at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The regular session was held and the class study of church history was especially interesting. Mrs. Charles Cook was leader. Those present were Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, Misses Eva Scratchley, Margaret Lutz, Ruth Netzer and Violet Oberfeldt.

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The B. Y. P. U. Jr. held its regular weekly meeting at the Baptist Church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Sallee was the leader and the subject of the lesson was "Jesus at Supper" and "In the Garden." Among those present were: Lois Stoner, Margaret Claflin, Alma McMicken, Tina Salazar, Fredworth Thomas, Emma Salazar, Elizabeth Woods.

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Entertainments.

The members of the Auction Bridge Club and a number of guests were entertained most delightfully yesterday afternoon by Mrs. O. J. Cook. The rooms were decorated in cut flowers and pot plants, and at the conclusion of a series of games a two-course luncheon was served. The tally cards featured flags and the favors were dainty little tri-colored cases filled with bonbons. Mrs. Jos. Vidales was awarded the club prize, an artistic Japanese vase, and Mrs. E. H. Buenz received the guest prize, a bath towel with crocheted edge. Those enjoying the hospitality of the afternoon were: Club members—Mesdames W. T. Hill, H. G. DaCamara, W. M. Brennan, J. W. Brewster, M. T. Cogley, L. Daiches, J. P. Leyendecker, Albert Martin, R. K. Mims, J. B. Morton, J. S. Penn, Jos. Vidales, W. N. Young, Younkin, Christen; Guests—Mesdames E. H. Buenz, H. C. Hall, Stacey, J. T. Halsell, H. Stow Garlick, Misses Edna Brown, Theodora Gullette, Flora Bunn.

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